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4071	2/26/54	Belmont memo Kadd	5	5	
4072	2/19/54	Belmont memo Kadd	1/3	1/3	
4072	2/23/54	Belmont memo Kadd	1	1	
4073	3/3/54	Keaganeer Belmont	1	6	1 refer
4074	3/10/54	NY ltr HQ	1	1	
	4/3/61	Serial changed	1	1	
4075		changed to serial	1	1	
NK	4/1/54	NY ltr party ltr Brown	1	1	
4076	5/3/54	work part + Jones ltr Kadd	1	1	
4076	5/3/54	Belmont memo Boardman	2	2	b1

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4077	5/11/58	Change to sheet	1	1	
4078	8/17/58	Change to sheet	1	1	
4079	6/17/54	NY ltr HQ	2	2	
4080	10/15/54	Change to sheet	1	1	
NR	7/19/54	HQ memo to me	1	1	
4081	7/26/54	Nichols memo to me	1	1	
NR	8/3/54	Bulky as list	1	1	
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4083	8/16/54	Belmont memo director	2	0	b7c b7d
4084	8/19/54	HQ TT NY	1	1	
4085	8/13/54	Harison memo Belmont	2	2	

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4086	8/19/54	Belmont memo Buchanan	9	9	
4086	8/20/54	HD Ltr AAG	2	2	
4087	8/19/54	Bureau memo Belmont	29	27	b3 rule 6e b7c b7d
NK	8/19/54	NH Ltr HD	1	1	
4088	8/19/54	NH TT WFO, HD	2	1	1 refer
4089	8/20/54	PG TT HD	1	1	
4090	8/20/54	NHC TT HD	1	1	
4090	8/21/54	HD Ltr AAG	2	1	1 refer
4091	8/21/54	HD TT NY PD CG	1	1	
4092	8/21/54	HD TT SACS	1	1	
4093	8/23/54	Bureau memo Belmont	1	1	b1
4094	8/30/54	HD Ltr AAG w/enc	1/6	1/6	b1

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4015	6/2/54	Belmont memo Boardman	3	0	3 refer
4096	9/2/54	Brown memo Belmont	1	1	
4077	8/30/54	HQ TT NY	1	1	
NR	8/31/54	NY Ltr HQ	3	3	
4098	8/3/54	NY Ltr HQ labeled 1/1	1	1	
4086	9/18/54	HQ Ltr AAG	1	1	
4099	9/1/54	HQ TT NY, SE, WFO	1	1	
NR	9/1/54	NY Ltr HQ	1	1	
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<u>4115</u>	<u>9-1-54</u>	<u>NY TT HQ</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	
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<u>4119</u>	<u>9-1-54</u>	<u>HQ Ltr AAG</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	
<u>4120</u>	<u>8-6-54</u>	<u>NH TT HQ</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	
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4122	9-8-54	HQ Ltr AAG	2	2	
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4123	9-3-54	HQ Ltr AAG	5	5	
4123X	8-27-54	Bureau memo Belmont	1	1	
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4125	8-31-54	AQ TT HQ	1	1	
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. LADD

DATE: February 18, 1954

FROM : A. H. BELMONT

12/19/14 PWT 3042/UA  
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SUBJECT:

NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, with aliases  
ESPIONAGE - RTolson  
Ladd  
Nichols  
Belmont  
Clegg  
Glavin  
Harbo  
Rosen  
Tracy  
Mohr  
Winterrowd  
Tele. Rm.  
Holloman  
Gandy  
Miss Gandy

Mr. Tom Donegan called from New York on the morning of February 18, 1954, to advise that Mr. Andretta, of the Department, had called him to inquire whether he had any of the Silvermaster reports in his possession in New York. Andretta said that Assistant Attorney General Olney asked him to call and find out what reports were in the Southern District of New York; that he had checked with the United States Attorney's office which had referred him to Donegan. Donegan told him that he would have to check but he did not recall that he had any material amount of information in his possession at any time. Andretta wanted to know if Donegan would let the United States Attorney's office check his files. Donegan told Andretta he would not allow it; that he would check them himself. Andretta indicated that Yeagley would be in New York and Donegan told Andretta that Yeagley, as Olney's representative, could check his files.

You will recall that a few weeks ago we checked on reports furnished to the Department in the Silvermaster case and ascertained that copies of the Silvermaster reports had been furnished by the New York Office direct to Donegan and Quinn for study to present to the Grand Jury and that the reports were utilized for this purpose and subsequently returned to the New York Office. As the Department stated it was going over the Silvermaster case again, we furnished to the Criminal Division copies of all reports and they have been reviewing the reports.

I asked Donegan what he thought might be the basis for Andretta's call. Donegan said that apparently Olney had made a statement to the Congressional Committee that the Department's records were in a deplorable state and that a great many investigative reports never reached the Internal Security Section of the Department. The newspapers have picked this up, as evidenced by the fact that Donegan has received two calls within the last week from reporters who asked for his comments on Olney's statement. One reporter represented the Baltimore Sun

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and yesterday Stewart Alsop called Donegan. Their questions to Donegan indicated a possible attempt to show that not all reports were available in the Silvermaster case for presentation to the Grand Jury and the reporters were questioning Donegan, inasmuch as he had been connected with the Silvermaster case as an FBI representative and later as a Departmental representative and would have all the facts. Donegan said he was careful in handling the reporters and merely told them that the facts speak for themselves.

ACTION:

There appears to be no action we need take, inasmuch as all information we had in the Silvermaster case was made available for presentation to the Grand Jury. Donegan thought the Bureau would be interested in having this information.

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Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Belmont \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Winterrowd \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
 Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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*Notion Gregory Silvermaster*

**ADD: ESPIONAGE (GISP)**

THESE FORMER DEMOCRATIC OFFICIALS GAVE THIS ACCOUNT OF EVENTS:  
 THE DEPARTMENT TOOK ITS FIRST OFFICIAL ACTION IN THE BENTLEY CASE  
 IN FEBRUARY, 1946, WHEN THEN ATTORNEY GENERAL TOM C. CLARK MADE THE  
 CASE THE "SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT" OF A DEPARTMENT ESPIONAGE EXPERT.  
 THE FBI PUT HUNDREDS OF ITS AGENTS ON THE CASE.  
 THERE WAS ONE FBI ATTEMPT TO RE-ESTABLISH MISS BENTLEY IN HER  
 OLD COMMUNIST SPY RING. IT FAILED, PROBABLY BECAUSE MISS BENTLEY'S  
 ONE-TIME SOVIET SUPERIORS HAD BECOME SUSPICIOUS OF HER.  
 IN DECEMBER, 1946, THE FBI GAVE THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT A 296-PAGE  
 REPORT ON ITS INVESTIGATION. ABOUT 100 PERSONS WERE NAMED AS DIRECTLY  
 OR INDIRECTLY CONNECTED WITH THE BENTLEY RING.  
 EARLY IN 1947, THE DEPARTMENT DECIDED TO SEND THE WHOLE CASE TO A  
 GRAND JURY. IT WAS DECIDED TO PLACE THE GRAND JURY INQUIRY UNDER  
 THE SUPERVISION OF DONEGAN, WHO HAD LEFT THE FBI A FEW MONTHS BEFORE  
 AND WAS THEN ASSISTANT TO U.S. ATTORNEY T. VINCENT QUINN OF BROOKLYN,  
 N.Y.

QUINN AND DONEGAN BEGAN PRESENTING THE CASE IN MAY, 1947, BUT THEN  
 DECIDED IT WOULD BE PROBABLY BETTER TO LET A SPECIAL GRAND JURY CONSIDER  
 THE CHARGES. THIS GRAND JURY HEARD THE CASE FROM JUNE 15, 1947 TO  
 DEC. 15, 1948.

OFFICIALS HAVE SAID THE SPECIAL GRAND JURY FAILED TO INDICT BECAUSE  
 THERE WAS NO NEW DOCUMENTARY EVIDENCE TO SUPPORT MISS BENTLEY'S CHARGES  
 AND THE EVIDENCE WHICH DID BACK THEM UP WAS OBTAINED THROUGH WIRE-  
 TAPPING AND WAS HENCE INADMISSABLE.

THE BENTLEY CHARGES WERE PROCESSED VERY, VERY THOROUGHLY.  
 THE FORMER OFFICIAL SAID. THE GRAND JURY INVESTIGATION WAS UNDER THE  
 SUPERVISION OF TWO MOST EXPERIENCED MEN IN THE FIELD OF SOVIET  
 ESPIONAGE, DONEGAN AND QUINN.

DONEGAN IS STILL WITH THE DEPARTMENT AS SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO  
 BROWNELL. HE IS SPECIALIZING IN INTERNAL SECURITY AND ESPIONAGE  
 INVESTIGATIONS AND PROSECUTIONS.

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Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
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**(ESPIONAGE)**

FORMER DEMOCRATIC OFFICIALS IN THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT DISPUTE ANY IDEA THAT THEY DISREGARDED A 1945 FBI REPORT ON SOVIET ESPIONAGE IN THIS COUNTRY.

THEY SAID THEY BELIEVE A CURRENT FUROR OVER THE REPORT STEMS FROM A MISUNDERSTANDING OF THE PROCEDURES FOLLOWED BY THE DEPARTMENT IN INVESTIGATING THE ESPIONAGE CHARGES OF ELIZABETH BENTLEY, CONFESSED COURIER FOR A WARTIME SOVIET SPY RING.

THESE FORMER OFFICIALS SAID THE BENTLEY CASE ACTUALLY WAS GIVEN "VERY SPECIAL TREATMENT" AND THAT IT WAS "PROBABLY THE BIGGEST SPECIAL CASE" EVER UNDERTAKEN BY THE FBI.

THESE SOURCES, WHO DECLINED USE OF THEIR NAMES BUT WHO WERE CLOSE TO SUBVERSIVE PROSECUTIONS IN THE TRUMAN ADMINISTRATION, NOTED THESE RECENT STATEMENTS BY PRESENT REPUBLICAN OFFICIALS OF THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT:

1. TESTIMONY BY ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL WARREN OLNEY, III, THE HEAD OF THE CRIMINAL DIVISION, THAT A 1945 FBI REPORT ON SOVIET ESPIONAGE WAS AMONG 20,000 "MISPLACED" DOCUMENTS RECENTLY UNCOVERED BY THE DEPARTMENT. OLNEY SAID THE REPORT, WHICH NAMED HARRY DEXTER WHITE AND OTHERS, WAS NEVER EVALUATED BY THE INTERNAL SECURITY SECTION.

2. THE STATEMENT OF ATTORNEY GENERAL BROWNELL THAT THIS REPORT CONTAINED "MANY NAMES WHOSE CASES SHOULD HAVE BEEN FOLLOWED UP BY THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE." BROWNELL SAID HE WAS "TERRIBLY SHOCKED" AT THE TREATMENT ACCORDED THE REPORT.

3. THE STATEMENT BY BROWNELL AT HIS NEWS CONFERENCE LAST WEEK THAT THOMAS J. DONEGAN, WHO PRESENTED THE BENTLEY CHARGES TO A GRAND JURY IN NEW YORK IN 1947 AND 1948, TOLD HIM HE HAD NEVER READ THE 1945 REPORT. BROWNELL ACKNOWLEDGED DONEGAN COULD HAVE HAD ACCESS TO SOME OF THE INFORMATION IN IT.

ONE FORMER DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL, WHO IS FAMILIAR WITH THE EARLY STAGES OF THE BENTLEY INVESTIGATION, RECALLED THAT DONEGAN WAS THE FBI AGENT IN NEW YORK WHO WAS MOST DIRECTLY CONCERNED WITH INVESTIGATING THE BENTLEY CHARGES.

"DONEGAN KNEW WHAT WAS IN THE REPORTS AND THE THINGS THAT WEREN'T IN THE REPORTS," HE SAID, NOTING THAT HUNDREDS OF FBI AGENTS WERE INVOLVED IN THE INVESTIGATION AT ONE TIME OR ANOTHER, THIS FORMER OFFICIAL ADDED:

"TOM DONEGAN HAD ACCESS NOT ONLY TO ALL THE INFORMATION UNEARTHED BY THESE AGENTS BUT ALSO TO MISS BENTLEY HERSELF."

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. H. M. LADD *fr*

February 26, 1954  
DATE:

FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT *AB*

SUBJECT: NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, ETAL  
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## SYNOPSIS

A "Washington City News Service" release of February 24, 1954, dealing with statements attributed to "Former Democratic officials in the Justice Department" is being analyzed as to the correctness of the facts pursuant to the Director's request. Essentially the facts in the news release are accurate. The statement is made that Attorney General Clark made the case a special assignment. We know James McInerney starting sometime in 1946 was handling the case on a special basis. Mention is made in the article that an effort to reactivate Bentley failed. This is true. We made more than one attempt to reactivate Bentley and were not successful due to her previously having been dropped from the apparatus. She also thought some of the persons contacted were suspicious of her. The article states we gave the Justice Department a 296 page summary in December, 1946, naming 100 persons as directly or indirectly involved. Our 296 page summary in the Silvermaster case dated October 21, 1946, was sent to the Attorney General on November 27, 1946. Fifty-six persons were named in the summary as main figures and information was also set forth concerning numerous others.

Mention is made in the article that early in 1947 the Department decided to present the case to a grand jury, and Donegan and Quinn began presenting the case in May, 1947, and then impaneled a special grand jury which heard the case from June 15, 1947 to December 15, 1948. This is essentially accurate. Consideration was given in January, 1947, to presenting the case and on May 23, 1947, Donegan and Quinn were instructed by Attorney General Clark to present the case to a grand jury. The grand jury that was in session in the Southern District of New York felt the case would take too long and, therefore, a special grand jury was convened on June 17, 1947. This grand jury was in session until December 15, 1948. It did not, however, hear the Silvermaster case after May 4, 1948. This special grand jury

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returned Smith Act indictments on July 20, 1948, and indicted Alger Hiss on December 15, 1949.

The article indicates the grand jury did not indict because of a lack of documentary evidence to support Bentley's charges and because evidence from wiretapping was inadmissible. This is an oversimplification of the facts. We had some corroborative evidence of Bentley's allegations but not corroborative proof of actual espionage on the part of persons involved. Neither did we have evidence from wiretapping which would have proved the charges although wiretapping information would also have tended to corroborate Bentley's story. The article is correct in stating the Bentley charges were processed thoroughly and that Donegan and Quinn were experienced men in the field of Soviet espionage.

#### ACTION

The above is for your information in connection with the Director's inquiry concerning this news release.

#### DETAILS

A "Washington City News Service" release of February 24, 1954, sets forth information from "former Democratic officials in the Justice Department," who dispute the Republican claim that a 1945 FBI report on Soviet espionage was disregarded. The Director asked as to the facts regarding the article. The following analysis is being set forth regarding various statements made in the article:

1. The Department took its first official act in the case in February, 1946, when Attorney General Clark made the case a special assignment of a Department espionage expert. The FBI put hundreds of its agents on the case.

**Comment:**

We disseminated our summary of February 21, 1946, in the Silvermaster case to the Attorney General by memorandum of February 25, 1946. We do not know the exact date James McInerney began to handle the case as a special assignment but William Foley of the Department recently stated that all communications on the case did go directly to McInerney and the Internal Security section of the Department had instructions not to read or handle anything on the case but to refer it to McInerney. Starting in November, 1945, we did have hundreds of agents working on the investigation of the case and the surveillance of the various subjects.

2. The article states there was one attempt to re-establish Bentley in the ring but it failed probably because Bentley's superiors had become suspicious of her.

**Comment:**

We made more than one attempt to reactivate Bentley in the espionage apparatus and placed her in contact with a number of persons involved in the case. We were unsuccessful in reactivating her probably because she had earlier been dropped by the apparatus and because she felt there were indications that persons contacted by her were somewhat suspicious.

3. In December, 1946, the FBI gave the Justice Department a 296 page report on its investigation. About 100 persons were named as indirectly or directly involved.

**Comment:**

This is essentially accurate. Our summary in the Silvermaster case of October 21, 1946, was 296 pages in length. It was sent to the Attorney General by memorandum of November 27, 1946. Fifty-six persons were treated as main figures in the summary, and numerous other persons were named in the summary who could be classified as indirectly involved.

4. Early in 1947, the Department decided to send the whole case to a grand jury. It was decided to place the case under Donegan and Quinn who began presenting the case to a grand jury in May, 1947, but decided to let a special grand jury consider the charges. This grand jury heard the case from June 15, 1947 to December 15, 1948.

**Comment:**

The above is essentially accurate. At a conference attended by Mr. E. A. Tamm, the Attorney General, T. Lamar Caudle, and James McInerney on January 23, 1947, consideration was given to presenting the case to a grand jury but no decision was reached. On February 21, 1947, Donegan advised that pursuant to the Attorney General's instructions, he and Quinn were to go over all the facts in the case and make a recommendation. On May 23, 1947, Donegan advised that the Attorney General had instructed that he and Quinn immediately arrange for a grand jury to hear testimony in connection with the case. They briefly outlined the case to a grand jury sitting in the Southern District of New York, and the grand jury was concerned over the length of time the case would take so a special grand jury was impaneled. The special grand jury convened in the Southern District of New York on June 17, 1947. Thereafter it heard testimony on the case until July 31, 1947. It then adjourned and reconvened on September 3, 1947, and heard testimony until December 3, 1947, at which time it recessed until January 20, 1948. It then reconvened and heard testimony until April 7, 1948.



It reconvened on April 13, 1948, and again on May 4, 1948, at which time it adjourned subject to recall. The grand jury reconvened on June 22, 1948, and on July 20, 1948, returned indictments in Smith Act cases. The grand jury reconvened on August 12, 1948, and continued in session until December 15, 1948, when an indictment was returned against Alger Hiss for perjury.

5. It was stated that the special grand jury did not indict because there was no new documentary evidence to support Bentley's charges and the evidence which did back them up was obtained from wiretapping and was hence inadmissible.

**Comment:**

This is an oversimplification of the facts. Essentially we did not have much evidence to back up Bentley's charges. We had certain facts which would corroborate her testimony but this did not amount to proof of espionage on the part of persons involved. Neither did we have evidence from wiretapping on the subjects which would have proved Bentley's charges although wiretapping information would also have tended to corroborate her story. Actually Quinn and Donegan were of the opinion that the case was not strong enough to support a conviction and, therefore, they did not want an indictment returned.

6. The Bentley charges were processed very thoroughly and the grand jury investigation was under the supervision of the two most experienced men in the field of Soviet espionage, Donegan and Quinn.

**Comment:**

From a prosecutive standpoint Quinn and Donegan were two very experienced men to use in presenting the case to a grand jury.

# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : D. M. LADD

February 19, 1954  
DATE:

FROM : W. A. H. BELMONT

SUBJECT: NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, ETAL  
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## SYNOPSIS:

In an article by the Alsop brothers dated February 19, 1954, it is pointed out that after Bentley came to the FBI a "high level" decision was made to reactivate Bentley as a double agent, and this effort continued until October, 1946, at which time it was abandoned. The article also states a 296 page summary was prepared in about October, 1946, and sent to the Attorney General in December, 1946. It was stated until the attempt to reactivate Bentley was abandoned, no legal action could be taken but thereafter it was decided to present the case to a grand jury.

The Director asked for the facts. We did try to reactivate Bentley starting in November, 1945, and did place her in touch with a number of the subjects in the case. We early recognized this had little chance of success because Bentley had been dropped from the apparatus earlier. This was only one facet of our investigation, and we were trying to corroborate Bentley's story by any investigative means possible. We did prepare a summary dated October 21, 1946, of 296 pages in length which was sent to the Attorney General by memorandum of November 27, 1946. In the Fall of 1946 and early 1947, we were trying to get the Attorney General to make up his mind as to what he intended to do with the case. After much vacillation, the Attorney General finally decided to have the case presented to a Federal Grand Jury.

Essentially the facts in the article are correct, but the article overemphasizes the importance of the attempt to reactivate Bentley and the decision to present the case to a grand jury was not directly tied in with our knowledge that Bentley could not be reactivated. Our primary concern in late 1946 and early 1947, was to get a decision made by the Attorney General which would allow the case to proceed in a direction so that action could be taken inasmuch as we recognized the security risk involved in the continued Government employment of these persons.

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Attachment

It would appear that the facts used by the Alsop brothers in their article must have come from someone very familiar with the case during the period it was presented to the Department in the Fall of 1946. (u)

ACTION:

None. The foregoing is in answer to the Director's questions regarding the facts in this matter. (u)

DETAILS:

In connection with the attached article by Joseph and Stewart Alsop, dated February 19, 1954, the Director requested the facts concerning a number of points made in the article. The article states that a "high level decision was made to try to re-establish Miss Bentley as a Communist, thus permitting her to act as a double agent." Later it is stated that "the attempt to re-establish Miss Bentley continued for several months after White was confirmed (ie February 6, 1946). In the meantime, about 100 FBI agents were assigned to the New York area and a similar number to Washington . . . . In October, 1946, the attempt to make Bentley a double agent was abandoned." (u)

Comment:

Immediately after Bentley told us her story in November, 1945, we attempted to reactivate her into the espionage network. This was a proper investigative procedure, and we would have been remiss in our responsibilities had we not attempted this action. We had her contact a number of persons in the network but it soon became evident to us that we could not successfully reactivate Bentley inasmuch as she had been dropped from the apparatus at an earlier period. It is difficult to establish the definite date when we gave up our (u)



attempts to reactivate her but in a memorandum from Mr. Tamm to the Director dated November 25, 1946, it is stated "there does not appear to be any possibility of a re-establishment of the informant." Actually it appears at a much earlier date we knew that there was little likelihood of any success in reactivating Bentley. (65-56402-1756) The effort to reactivate Bentley, however, was only one facet of our investigative efforts to gain corroboration of Bentley's story. The article tends to overemphasize the importance of this investigative step. (u)

The article also states "the FBI prepared a 296 page summary of all that had been learned since Miss Bentley made her original charges, and this was delivered to the Attorney General in December, 1946." It was also stated "until the attempt to re-establish Miss Bentley was given up, no legal action could be taken against the people she had named." The article also states that it was then decided to present the Bentley charges to a grand jury. (u)

Comment:

We did prepare a summary entitled "Underground Soviet Espionage Organization (NKVD) in Agencies of the United States Government," which was 296 pages in length. This summary was dated October 21, 1946. This summary was sent to the Attorney General by memorandum of November 27, 1946. It is not strictly accurate to state that our attempts to reactivate Bentley are what held up action until the Fall of 1946. At that time we wanted the Attorney General to make up his mind as to what course of action to follow, and there was considerable vacillation in the Department, and it was finally decided to present the case to a grand jury. (u)

In a memorandum from Mr. Tamm to the Director dated January 27, 1947, Mr. Tamm said he attended a meeting in the Attorney General's office on the afternoon of that date. In addition to the Attorney General, Mr. T. R. Caudle and Mr. McInerney of the Criminal Division were present. During the discussion Mr. Tamm expressed the Director's view that the facts in the case would not sustain a prosecution, and that it was the Director's view that he was reluctant to see the case prosecuted, and noted in the Amerasia case the prosecution failed miserably. The Attorney General stated he agreed. (u)

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Assistant Attorney General  
William F. Tompkins

August 20, 1954

Director, FBI

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**NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, with aliases, et al  
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Reference is made to the conference held on August 19, 1954, attended by Mr. L. Broome and Mr. Tom Hall and representatives of this Bureau.

It is stated at the above-mentioned conference this Bureau is of the opinion that as the Internal Security Division has all reports in this case and has reviewed these reports, the Internal Security Division is in a position to decide which subject may be considered under the provisions of the Immunity Bill. We believe this question is one of policy pertaining to prosecution and, therefore, the decision should rest with the Internal Security Division. In this opinion Mr. Hall concurred observing that he considered that such responsibility properly rested with the Internal Security Division.

It is our strong feeling that if one of the subject's involved herein is granted immunity and thereafter, discloses information pertinent to this investigation or to the internal security of the United States, such an individual should immediately be made available to us for complete interrogation in order that his knowledge can be fully exploited and the necessary investigation conducted.

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In response to the request of Mr. Hall, we are attempting to ascertain the current whereabouts of William Ludwig Ullman, Abraham George Silverman, Senie Gold, Earl Browder, Alexander Koval, Lee Preseman, Edward Joseph Fitzgerald and Harry Magdoff. We are also furnishing you with any information we possess not previously furnished to you relative to the physical and financial conditions and the attitude toward cooperation with the Government of those individuals mentioned above.

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In connection with your request that consideration be given to approaching Joseph Katz in Israel for the purpose of determining his attitude toward returning to the United States if immunity from prosecution were offered him, we wish to advise that we do not object to such a plan. Since we have no facilities for making such an approach in Israel we assume that you will wish to handle this matter through the Department of State.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : A. H. Belmont *KS*

DATE: August 19, 1954

FROM : W. A. Brown *WAB*SUBJECT: NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, was., ET AL  
ESPIONAGE - RALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 6/23/83 BY SP-5 *SP-5 [signature]*

**SYNOPSIS:** Analysis of instant case in light of provisions of Immunity Bill indicates subjects could be called before Federal Grand Jury and, after being granted immunity, could: 1) refuse to answer pertinent questions and be held in contempt of court; 2) answer truthfully and corroborate the testimony of Elizabeth Bentley, thus opening the possibilities for successful prosecution of several subjects; 3) answer falsely and be subject to possible perjury charges. Review of instant case indicates twelve principal subjects in best position to corroborate Bentley's allegations and/or furnish valuable intelligence information relating to Silvermaster and Perlo espionage groups. Brief writeups relating Bentley's allegations against each one of the twelve principal subjects set out and comments set forth as to the desirability of offering them immunity. Considering we do not wish to offer either Silvermaster or Perlo immunity from prosecution, William Ludwig Ullman would appear to be the most logical subject to whom immunity could be offered.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

This is for your information.

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**DETAILS:** The purpose of this memorandum is to analyze this case in the light of the provisions of the Immunity Bill.

Briefly, the Immunity Bill provides that in proceedings relating to national defense, witnesses before Congressional committees, United States courts or Federal grand juries can be granted immunity from prosecution after pleading their answers to certain questions might incriminate them. A United States attorney can, with the approval of the Attorney General, petition the United States Court to instruct a witness to testify and, upon order of the court, such witness cannot be excused from testifying on the grounds that it might incriminate him. Under the Immunity Bill subjects in instant case could be called before a Federal grand jury and: 1) if, after being granted immunity, they refused to testify, they could be held in contempt of court; 2) they could agree to cooperate and while corroborate Elizabeth Bentley's allegations, thus opening up the possibility of successful prosecution of these subjects; 3) they might agree to talk and thereafter give perjured testimony which could result in prosecutions for perjury.

As you know, in 1945 Elizabeth Bentley furnished information at length concerning her own activities as well as the activities of others in Soviet espionage. Bentley related her courier activities in connection with Soviet espionage under the direction of several principals, the first being Jacob M. Golos. Through Golos, Bentley came in contact with a parallel of Soviet espionage in New York City and Washington, D. C., which was furnishing information obtained from United States Government agencies. One of the groups in Washington, D. C., was described by her as the "Silvermaster Group," headed by Nathan Gregory Silvermaster. The other group was described by her as the "Perlo Group," headed by Victor Perlo. Among Bentley's principals were Olga Pravdina, formerly Amtorg Trading Corporation employee, and Anatoli Gromov, former First Secretary of the Soviet Embassy in Washington, D. C.

Following is a brief writeup on those subjects known to Bentley who would seem to be in the best position to corroborate her testimony and who should be able to furnish considerable information of value relating to the operations of the Silvermaster and Perlo Groups. Comments are set forth as to the desirability of offering immunity to these individuals. Not all members of the Silvermaster and Perlo networks are included herein since our aim is to limit the scope of this analysis to those we consider are in the best position to corroborate Bentley's allegations if induced to testify. Since the allegations herein relate to wartime espionage, no statute of limitations is involved.



NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER - 100-100000  
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In August, 1941, Golos informed Bentley he had several meetings with a representative of a Soviet group in Washington but due to his heart, could not make the trip. He requested Bentley to proceed to Washington and contact Mrs. Helen Silvermaster, a member of that group. She made the trip and contacted Mrs. Silvermaster and then began regular trips to Washington. On these trips she contacted the Silvermasters and received espionage material in the form of typewritten notations from the Silvermasters and from Ludwig Ullman, another member of the espionage group who lived with the Silvermasters. From remarks from these two men, Bentley gradually realized that other persons were furnishing information to them. In 1942, Golos furnished Bentley with instructions for the group as to the nature of the information desired; and in late 1942, Golos gave her typewritten instructions in the Russian language furnished by "Charlie," Golos' superior, which she delivered to Silvermaster. In late 1942, Ullman obtained a camera and began photographing material for Bentley, giving her the developed negative rolls which she furnished to Golos. In turn, Golos would use a viewer to examine the negatives before passing them on to his superior, thus keeping himself aware of all information being passed. On occasions, Silvermaster actually dictated information to Bentley and in 1944, she personally witnessed the photographing of documents in the Silvermaster basement. She also obtained carbon copies of letters usually from Treasury Department employees reporting on conditions outside the United States. Occasionally, Silvermaster brought home entire files from the Board of Economic Warfare and he and Ullman would decide which portions would be photographed. From conversation, Bentley became aware that Abraham George Silverman of the Railroad Retirement Board also was giving information although he believed Silvermaster read the information and orally passed it to Earl Browder of the Communist Party and was not aware the documents were being photographed. She also learned that Harry Dexter White of the Treasury Department and Lauchlin Currie, former Administrative Assistant to the President of the United States, were furnishing information. Bentley also became aware of information furnished by Solomon Adler, United States Treasury representative in Chungking, China, which information came from White. She also knew of William Taylor who obtained employment in the Treasury Department through White and

supplied both oral and written information from the Treasury Department to Silvermaster. In the late Summer of 1943, the volume became so great that Ullman stopped developing the film and passed undeveloped film to Bentley. In the Fall of 1943, the group desired to place a secretary in White's office to facilitate transmission of information, and on the recommendation of the Communist Party functioning in Washington, Sonia Gold was so placed. She copied documents from White's office and delivered notes to the Silvermasters. In the Spring of 1944, Bela (Bill) Gold, husband of Sonia entered the group and furnished information from his position with the Foreign Economic Administration. Anatole Volkov, son of Mrs. Silvermaster by her first marriage, on occasions would proceed from Washington to New York to deliver material from Bentley to his parents.

**OBSERVATION:**

From a review of the above information, it appears Silvermaster and his wife were fully aware of the operations of this ring in Washington, and if they testified about their activities, would involve a great number of persons and would substantiate the testimony of Elizabeth Bentley. However, due to Silvermaster's position as the head of this ring, it would appear more desirable to attempt to convict him of the substantive charge of wartime espionage which possibility would exist in the event another person familiar with the network substantiated Bentley's testimony. The same reasoning would also apply to Mrs. Silvermaster with the additional fact that, if she did testify, her testimony could not be used against her husband.

**BUSINESS:**

Partner in a company operating as Ullman and Silvermaster, Builders, at residence address.

**RESIDENCE:**

87th Street, on the beach front  
Harvey Cedars, New Jersey

WILLIAM LUDWIG ULLMAN - 5-11-1947

Bentley advised that Ullman lived at Silvermaster's home in Washington in 1941, and both of them gave her information for transmittal to the Russians. In the Fall of 1942, Ullman acquired a camera and became quite proficient in document photography and started photographing documents taken from Government files. In 1942 and 1943, Bentley learned from conversations that Harry Dexter White was furnishing documents which were brought to the Silvermaster home by Ullman or Silverman. Late in the Summer of 1943, the flow of documents increased to the point where Ullman photographed the material but did not develop it. He furnished Bentley with undeveloped negatives. Ullman entered the Army in 1943, and rose to be a Captain in the Air Corps assigned to the Pentagon. Bentley stated that every conceivable type of information relative to the part the Air Force played in the war was included in the documents photographed by Ullman. She also stated that Ullman was a member of the Communist Party in Washington, D. C.

Ullman was born August 14, 1902, at Springfield, Missouri, and first started working for the Government in April, 1935. In September, 1936, he was employed by the Treasury Department, and his immediate superior was Harry Dexter White. Ullman entered the Army April 16, 1943, and was separated January 14, 1945, at the rank of Major. Ullman was interviewed by the FBI April 15, 1947, and made no admissions.

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OBSERVATION:

Ullman, next to Silvermaster, probably knows more about the operation of the Silvermaster group than any other member due to his position as photographer for the group. This is based on the assumption that Ullman knew the source of the documents he was reproducing and further based on the fact that he has resided with the Silvermasters since 1937, and still resides with them and is in business with Silvermaster. It would



appear that he is the most logical person to offer immunity due to his knowledge of the case and because the information he could furnish would probably outweigh the prosecutive potentialities of his case. Ullman has appeared before the House Committee on Un-American Activities August 10, 1948, the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Government Operations of the United States Senate on October 21, 1953, and before the Jenner Committee December, 1953, and he has availed himself of the Fifth Amendment on all information concerning espionage.

**BUSINESS:**

Partner in company operating as Ullman and Silvermaster Builders. Same as residence.

**RESIDENCE:**

Eighty-seventh Street, on the beach front, Harvey Cedars, New Jersey.

ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN

Bentley advised that Silverman was employed by the Railroad Retirement Board in the early 1930's and probably met Ullman in Washington through their membership in the Communist Party and, through Ullman met the Silvermasters. In 1942, Silverman was assigned to the Pentagon as a civilian and began bringing documents to the Silvermaster home where they were photographed by Ullman. He also delivered documents from Harry Dexter White to the Silvermaster home. Bentley stated that Silverman also obtained information from Lauchlin Currie, a Presidential advisor and from Irving Kaplan, an employee of the War Production Board, which information he furnished Silvermaster. Bentley also stated that Silverman allegedly obtained Ullman's transfer to the Pentagon after Ullman entered the Army. She further stated that during the Summer of 1943, both of these men were employed in the Pentagon and obtained every possible type of information about the Air Force's participation in the war.

Silverman was born February 7, 1900, in Poland and was naturalized June 24, 1941. He was interviewed April 15, 1947, by the FBI and denied anyone ever approached him for restricted information or furnishing it to anyone. In appearance before various Congressional Committees he has invoked the Fifth Amendment, and when the Department of Justice attempted to force him to register under the terms of the Foreign Agents Registration Act, his attorney claimed Silverman had a heart condition and might die.

OBSERVATION:

From our investigation, Silverman's knowledge of the network might be restricted to Silvermaster, Ullman, White, Irving Kaplan, and possibly Lauchlin Currie. His son has stated that his father would not talk even if it meant saving his (the son's) Government job. It is not believed that Silverman would testify if offered the immunity. However, it is felt that in the event Ullman does not testify, Silverman should be offered immunity. His health would be an important consideration in this regard.

It is believed that Silverman is one of the individuals involved herein who would be of more value to the Government as a cooperative witness than as the defendant on trial in an espionage conspiracy.

RESIDENCE:

Chelsea Gardens, Apartments, 255 West 23rd Street,  
New York, New York.

BUSINESS:

Unemployed



BELA (BILL) GOLD - 54 7777-11

Bentley advised she met Gold in the Spring of 1944, and later that year he obtained a position with the Foreign Economic Administration. The Silvermasters and Ullman told Bentley that Gold has been supplying excellent information from that Agency and, on one occasion with Silvermaster or Ullman, told her the work of Gold was so excellent that they were considering supplying him with a camera so he could perform his photography at home.

Gold was born January 30, 1915, at Hungary and came to the United States in 1920, and obtained citizenship through his father in 1927. He was interviewed April 15, 1947, and denied furnishing information of any nature that came into his possession in connection with his employment to anyone not authorized to receive the same. Gold has denied all espionage allegations before the House Committee on Un-American Activities and the Jenner Committee.

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OBSERVATION:

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Gold, if he were offered immunity, could give information concerning Ullman and the Silvermasters, as investigation has not indicated espionage activities with other known members of the network. It is felt he should be offered immunity in the event testimony is not obtained from any of the above. However, it must be realized that Gold must refuse to answer questions on the grounds of self incrimination before he can be offered immunity from prosecution. To date he has not invoked the Fifth Amendment.

BUSINESS:

Assistant Professor, School of Business, Administration and Bureau of Business, Research University of Pittsburgh, Fifth Avenue and Bigelow Boulevard, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

RESIDENCE:

4040 Windsor Street, First Floor, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

SONIE STEINMAN GOLD - 50000000

Sonie Gold is the wife of Bela Gold. Bentley advised that in the Fall of 1943, the Silvermasters considered it desirable to place someone as secretary to Harry Dexter White to facilitate obtaining information from his office. Mrs. Silvermaster contacted a functionary of the Communist Party in the District of Columbia and obtained the name of Mrs. Gold. Eventually she was placed as one of White's secretaries and, as a result, obtained documents from his office which were copied and turned over to Silvermaster.

Sonia Gold was born December 17, 1917, in New York City, and graduated from Hunter College in 1938. She was first employed in Washington, D. C., in 1941, by the Tolan Committee and in 1942, transferred to the Bureau of Employment Security. She transferred to the Division of Monetary Research, United States Treasury Department in August, 1943. Upon interview on April 15, 1947, she denied furnishing any information which came to her from her position to any unauthorized person. She has denied espionage allegations before the House Committee on Un-American Activities and the Jenner Committee.

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b3 Rule 6e

OBSERVATION:

Mrs. Gold could possibly implicate the Silvermasters, Ullman, Harry Dexter White, William Taylor, Virginus Frank Coe and Solomon Adler. However, our investigation shows only implication with the Silvermasters and Ullman. It is believed she should be offered immunity in the event none of the above persons testify. It must be realized that she could not be offered immunity until she refused to testify on the grounds of self incrimination and to date she has not refused to answer questions.

Business - Housewife

Residence - 4040 Windsor Street,  
First Floor,  
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

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Bentley. [REDACTED] and dated knowing Elizabeth [REDACTED]

If Volkov were offered immunity, he could furnish limited information concerning the Silvermasters, Ullman and other members of the network he met in his parents home. The only espionage allegation against him is his performance of courier duty between Silvermaster and Bentley and no information is available concerning his knowledge of other activities. It is believed he should be offered immunity only if none of the other members of the ring testify.

**RESIDENCE:**

Care of Nathan Gregory Silvermaster, Harvey Cedars,  
New Jersey.



VICTOR PERLO - 54

Elizabeth Bentley, confessed Soviet espionage agent, advised on November 30, 1945, that one or two months prior to his death in 1943 Jacob Golos, a known Soviet espionage agent, told her he had made contact with another group in Washington, D. C., which was engaged in Communist underground activities. Golos did not identify members of this group. Early in 1944, Earl Browder mentioned to Bentley that Golos had been contacting a new group in Washington, D. C., and had been unable to keep an appointment with them since the date for such meeting came on the Sunday after Golos's death. Browder told Bentley he was anxious for her to meet this group. About two months later Browder informed Bentley he had made appropriate arrangements for her to meet this group in the apartment of John Abt, New York City. On the date specified by Browder, probably February 27, 1944, Bentley went to the apartment of Abt and met 4 individuals whom she had never seen before. They were introduced to her as Victor Perlo, Charles Kramer, Henry Magdoff and Edward Fitzgerald. Thereafter these individuals engaged in conversation pertaining to the payment of their Communist Party dues to Bentley. They also requested that she furnish them with Communist literature. Subsequently there followed a general discussion as to the type of information they (except Abt) would be able to furnish. Perlo was in the War Production Board at that time and he informed Bentley he would be able to supply statistical data in the aircraft field generally. Bentley stated that on the occasion of this meeting Perlo asked if the information he furnished was going to "Uncle Joe." According to Elizabeth Bentley it was obvious that all of the aforementioned individuals including John Abt had been associated for some time and that they had been engaged in some sort of espionage for Earl Browder. Bentley recalled that Perlo had produced at this first meeting some written material which included some Office of Strategic Services documents made available by a Donald Wheeler. She noted that some of the typewritten material in Perlo's possession, which material had been typed by him, bore a great resemblance to written material which Gregory had seen several months previously in the possession of Jacob Golos and the material in Golos's possession had been given to him by Earl Browder. Bentley also advised other meetings were held with the Perlo group in the apartment of Mary Price in

New York City and that Victor Perlo represented this group in meetings more frequently than did other members of the group. Bentley advised that she was cognizant of the fact that Victor Perlo was known to Nathan Gregory Silvermaster and recalled that Silvermaster previously had complained that the activities of Perlo in Washington were upsetting George Silverman, a prominent figure in the Nathan Gregory Silvermaster espionage network.

Whittaker Chambers, confessed Soviet espionage agent, advised on May 10, 1945, that in the Fall of 1934, he met a group of dues-paying members of a Communist Party underground apparatus in Washington, D. C. According to Chambers, this group was headed by Harold Ware and the primary objective of this group at that time was to place Communists in an important post in the Government where they had an opportunity to advance. In this way they could formulate or influence politically along lines sympathetic to the Communist cause. Among those in the Ware group according to Chambers was one Nathan Perlow. Chambers advised that Nathan Perlow was an economist by profession who had been associated with the Brookings Institute of Washington, D. C. Chambers identified a photograph of Victor Perlo as being one of the members of the Ware apparatus whom he had previously identified as Nathan Perlow.

Victor Perlo was born May 16, 1912, (according to records of the Department of Health) New York City.

He was employed by the United States Government from September, 1933, until March 27, 1947, his last position being Economic Analyst in the Division of Monetary Research, United States Treasury Department.

Perlo has been interviewed several times by Bureau agents and has been uncooperative.

On August 9, 1948, he testified before the House Committee on Un-American Activities and claimed the protection of the Fifth Amendment. He appeared before the Jenner Committee on May 12, 1953, in Executive and Public Sessions, claiming in both instances the protection of the Fifth Amendment. b3 rule 6e

#### OBSERVATIONS:

From a review of the above information it appears that Victor Perlo is fully aware of the operations of the individuals who attended meetings with Bentley both in John Abt's apartment and in Mary Price's apartment. If Perlo would testify freely concerning his activities and his knowledge of other individuals associated with him he would involve numerous persons in Soviet espionage and/or in Communist (intelligence

activities and would corroborate the testimony of Bentley. From the foregoing information it is indicated that he has been active in Communist circles in Washington, D. C., since approximately 1936, and such activity in Washington, D. C., continued until 1947. It is also to be noted that he possibly could furnish some information concerning the Silvermaster group which would also substantiate the testimony of Elizabeth Bentley in that regard. However, due to his position as nominal head of a Soviet espionage group and his failure in the past when interviewed by the Bureau and Congressional Committees to cooperate, it would appear more desirable to convict him of the substantive charge of wartime espionage which possibility would exist in the event another person familiar with his activities substantiated the testimony given by Elizabeth Bentley, than to allow him immunity under the recently passed Immunity Bill.

RESIDENCE:

He resides at 4737 190th Street, Flushing, New York. He is self-employed as an economic consultant and part time at the Jefferson School of Social Science in New York City.



JOHN J. ABT

Early in 1944 Earl Browder told Bentley that Golos, before his death, had been in touch with a group in Washington, D. C., which she was to take over. Browder arranged for her to meet representatives of the group in the apartment of John J. Abt, on Central Park West, near 90th Street, NYC, on about 2/27/44. Bentley was then introduced by Abt to Victor Perlo, Charles Kramer, Henry Magdoff, and Edward Fitzgerald. It was obvious to her that these persons, including Abt, had been associated for some time and had been engaged in some sort of espionage for Earl Browder and were aware that the ultimate destination of their information was the Soviet Union. Bentley met members of the group in Abt's apartment on at least one other occasion. In the Spring of 1945, after she had ceased contacting the group, her Soviet superior told her "they" were having trouble with Abt, who was attempting to "move in" on her former contacts in behalf of Browder. Whittaker Chambers has stated that during the 1930's Abt was a member of the Communist underground group headed by Harold Ware, and that upon Ware's death in 1935, Abt became head of the group.

Abt was born 5/1/04 in Chicago, Illinois, and received an LL.B. degree from the University of Chicago in 1926. He practiced law in Chicago until 1933, when he came to Washington, D. C., as an attorney with the Agricultural Adjustment Administration, subsequently becoming General Counsel of the Works Progress Administration, counsel to the Securities & Exchange Commission, Chief Counsel of a Subcommittee of the Senate Committee on Education and Labor, and in 1937 a Special Assistant to the Attorney General in the Anti-Trust Division. He resigned from Government service in 1938, becoming Special Counsel to the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, which position he held until 1948 when he became General Counsel of the Progressive Party. He resides in NY with his wife, Jessica Smith, editor of "Soviet Russia Today."

On 8-20-48 he appeared before HCUA and declined to answer on grounds of self-incrimination. b3 Rule 6e

OBSERVATION:

Abt, due to his position of leadership, could probably furnish valuable information concerning pre-war espionage activities on which the Statute of Limitations has run. He knew

well such persons as Alger Hiss, Lee Pressman, Henry Collins, J. Peters, George Silverman, Harold Glasser and Harry Dexter White during this period. His activity continued during World War II, according to Bentley. Abt's background, however, makes it appear questionable whether he should be offered immunity and whether he would accept it if offered. His sister is Marion Bachrach, a leading NY Communist; his wife, the former Jessica Smith, has long been an active Soviet propagandist. Abt has for more than 20 years handled the most important and delicate matters for the C. P. He is a practicing attorney and has associated intimately with most of the top Communist Party functionaries in this country. There is every indication that he is a confirmed, active, loyal Communist who would refuse to testify against his associates even under a guarantee of immunity.

RESIDENCE:

✓ Apartment 10D, 444 Central Park West, New York City.  
Employed as an Attorney, 11 Park Place, New York City.

EDWARD JOSEPH FITZGERALD

Bentley, referring to the meeting in John Abt's apartment in NYC in 1944, advised that on that occasion she was introduced by Abt to Victor Perlo, Charlie Kramer, Henry Magdoff and Edward Fitzgerald. Payment of their CP dues was freely discussed, as was the type of information each individual, with the exception of Abt, could furnish. It was indicated that they were delegates from their "group in Washington." Fitzgerald also was present at subsequent similar meetings and supplied information on four or five occasions concerning production figures which he obtained from his employment with the War Production Board. Bentley recalls that even after she ceased meeting with the group, Fitzgerald visited her in NY to express his dislike for Victor Perlo and to ask if some other contact could be arranged for him.

Fitzgerald was born 11/19/11 at NYC and graduated from the University of Vermont in 1932. Between 1936 and 1947 he was employed by the U. S. Government in the Works Progress Administration, the Federal Security Agency, the War Production Board, the Foreign Economic Administration, and the Department of Commerce. He subsequently has resided in NYC, working irregularly as a book reviewer, writer and laborer. He appeared before the Senate Subcommittee on Internal Security on 5/1/53 and invoked the Fifth Amendment.

OBSERVATION:

Fitzgerald could testify concerning Perlo, Kramer, Magdoff, and Abt. In addition, investigation reflects that he is well acquainted with Irving Kaplan, Abraham George Silverman and Harry Dexter White, and he may have knowledge concerning others. Bentley, however, can specifically testify that Fitzgerald furnished her with government information on several occasions with knowledge that its ultimate destination was the Soviet Union and it would, therefore, be desirable to include him in any substantive prosecution, if possible, rather than offer him immunity.



**RESIDENCE:**

**335 West 11th Street, NYC. He is employed by  
Lincoln Letter Service, 14 Grand Street, NYC.**

HAROLD GLASSER - CONFIDENTIAL

Elizabeth T. Bentley was present at the meeting in John Abt's apartment in NYC in 1944. At that time she learned that Harold Glasser was a member of the Perlo espionage group. During the meeting it was indicated that Harold Glasser had been out of the United States as a representative of the United States Treasury Department and that he returned in the early part of 1944 and was thereafter stationed in the Treasury Department, Washington, D. C. It was further indicated that Glasser was closely associated with and probably an assistant to Harry Dexter White, an official in the Treasury Department. According to Bentley, Harold Glasser subsequently furnished general information concerning the activities of the Treasury Department particularly concerning proposed loans by the United States to foreign countries. He was supplying information originating in the Foreign Economic Administration, which information had been sent to the Treasury Department. Bentley advised that after Glasser's return from Europe, Victor Perlo, a member of the group, advised that Glasser had requested to be allowed to return as a member of that group. Bentley was advised by Victor Perlo that Glasser and one or two others had previously been taken by an American in a Government agency in Washington, D. C., and turned over to a Russian contact. Bentley subsequently determined from Charles Kramer that the person who had originally taken Glasser away from the Perlo group was an individual named Hiss in the United States State Department. Bentley advised that Harold Glasser was known to be a member of the Communist Party.

Harold Glasser was born November 24, 1905, in Chicago, Illinois. He first entered United States Government service in 1935. On November 23, 1936, he was employed by the United States Treasury Department, which employment continued until his resignation 12/31/47.

On April 30 and May 3, 1947, Harold Glasser was interviewed by agents of this Bureau. He stated that in 1933 and 1934 while in Chicago he was definitely interested in the theories of the Communist Party and described himself as a "definite leftist." He stated that he refused to become a member of the Communist Party and had never been a member.

Glasser was interviewed further by Bureau agents on January 28, February 2 and 3, 1949.

before the Jenner Committee in Executive and Public Session in 1953. To date he has declined to admit his participation in Soviet espionage or Communist Party activities. b3 Kull

**OBSERVATIONS:**

It should be noted that Harold Glasser has declined to admit his participation in Soviet espionage or in Communist Party activities to date. From the above information it appears that Harold Glasser was aware of many facts of Communist Party and Soviet activities in Washington, D. C., during the period Bentley was active as a courier. Besides possibly being in a position to substantiate the testimony given by Bentley as to individuals involved in the Perlo Group, Glasser according to Chambers would be in a position to furnish some information concerning the activities of Harry Dexter White and possibly might be able to furnish information concerning the activities of Alger Hiss. Although it would appear from prior contact with Glasser that there is little likelihood of his taking advantage of the Immunity Statute to furnish the United States Government complete information concerning espionage activity known to him, it must be admitted that he was in a position where considerable information concerning individuals and their activities for Communist and for Soviet superiors was available to him. For this reason, Glasser it is felt should be considered in any evaluation that is made as a possible individual to whom an offer under the Immunity Statute should be made.

**RESIDENCE:**

8 Sheffield Road, Great Neck, New York. Employed as economist with Hollins Brush Company, Toronto, Canada as Director.



MARY WOLFE PRICE, with alias  
Mary Watkins Price

In early 1941 Jacob Golos advised Elizabeth Bentley that Mary Price, secretary to columnist Walter Lippmann, had agreed to furnish Golos with all of the information she could obtain concerning the type of material Lippmann was writing as well as other information concerning Lippmann's activities. Golos introduced Bentley to Mary Price in New York City and arrangements were made for future meetings every two weeks alternating between New York City and Washington, D. C. Price continued in Lippmann's employment until June 1943 and continued to furnish information available to her as a result of her employment to Bentley or Golos until her termination in June 1943. Bentley advised she had established contact with Maurice Halperin and Willard Park in Washington, D. C. In 1942 Golos met these individuals at Price's residence in Washington and made arrangements for them to supply information, to which they had access, to Mary Price who gave it to Bentley, who turned it over to Golos. This arrangement continued until early 1943, when the information was turned over directly to Bentley. Price also handled Duncan Chaplin Lee, who had been given an Army commission upon entering OSS, but, according to Bentley, his contributions were not particularly voluminous or valuable. Bentley later took over Lee and advised he provided intelligence information of value from the files of OSS. According to Bentley, Helen Tenney, who was an OSS employee and supplied Golos with intelligence information, took over Mary Price's apartment in Washington, D. C. in 1943. Arrangements were made for Michael Greenberg, an employee of the Board of Economic Warfare and Foreign Economic Administration in Washington, D. C. from 1942 to 1945, to relay information to Mary Price and thence to Golos. According to Bentley, Mary Price's apartment in New York City was used as a meeting place by Bentley with various members of the Perlo group on frequent occasions in 1944. In the summer of 1944 Bentley introduced Earl Browder to Mary Price in Price's apartment in New York City.

Mary Price was interviewed by Bureau agents in April 1947. She admitted associations and acquaintance with Michael Greenberg, Duncan Chaplin Lee and Elizabeth Bentley. She failed to recognize photographs of numerous individuals identified by Bentley as members of a Soviet espionage conspiracy in Washington, D. C. in the late 1930's and early 1940's. She denied her contacts with Lee were other than social and stated that she had not asked for nor received any confidential information from Lee.

before the HCUA in March 1953 in connection with Bentley's allegations. On both of these

occasions Price denied all of Bentley's allegations pertaining to her and denied any espionage activities.

OBSERVATIONS:

Since Mildred Price acted as an intermediary or in a liaison capacity between Bentley and various individuals alleged by Bentley to have engaged in espionage, it is believed that Price should be considered favorably for immunity under the Immunity Bill. Should Price testify freely, her testimony could incriminate the numerous individuals who gave material to her for transmittal to Bentley, and would corroborate Bentley's testimony. She could also identify those members of the Perlo group who used her apartment for meetings with Bentley although it is pointed out that she may not have knowledge of the specific activities of all those persons.

RESIDENCE:

As of 5-1954 Price was residing at 224 Sullivan Street, New York City.

ALLAN ROBERT ROSENBERG

Referring to the meeting in Abt's apartment in New York City in 1944, Bentley stated she attended this meeting with representatives of a group she designated as the Perlo Group. At the first meeting, probably held on 2/27/44, the individuals present were John Abt, Victor Perlo, Charles Kramer, Henry Magdoff and Edward Fitzgerald. The group discussed at length what contributions of intelligence might be expected from themselves as well as from other members of the group who were not in attendance. They also engaged in conversation pertaining to the payment of their CP dues to Bentley. With respect to information to come from other members of the group, Bentley recalled that Allan Rosenberg, who was at that time serving abroad in some capacity for the United States Government, was reported by the desk to be able to furnish information on his return to the United States. Bentley held frequent meetings with representatives of this group subsequent to the first meeting and one of the individuals who met Bentley in Mary Price's apartment in NYC as a representative of the Perlo Group was Allan Rosenberg. It was arranged that the representative of the Perlo Group would gather together in Washington, D. C., the intelligence information which had been secured from Government files by the other members of the group and would carry this information to NYC to be turned over to Bentley and thence by her to Golos. According to Bentley, Allan Rosenberg furnished information which he had obtained as a result of observations, recommendations, plans and proposals made by various government officials concerning the handling of Germany. During that period he was employed in the Foreign Economic Administration and material of the aforementioned type came to him in connection with his duties with that Agency. It was recalled by Bentley that Rosenberg submitted rather voluminous reports and he turned over substantial quantities of written material bearing upon matters such as specific suggestions and proposals made by various American officials with respect to the problems expected to be met in post-war Germany. Bentley stated she recalled having met Rosenberg only once, in November, 1944. At that time considerable controversy existed within the Perlo Group and Rosenberg was dissatisfied and felt he should withdraw. Bentley stated she had a lengthy conversation with him, advising him regarding the material he should attempt to obtain, but she does not know the effect of this talk as she ceased espionage activities in December 1944.

Allan Robert Rosenberg was interviewed by Bureau agents in 1947 and refused to confirm or deny charges that he was active in an espionage apparatus in 1943 or 1944.

In 1952 he appeared before the House Committee on

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Un-American Activities and refused to testify against himself or his associates on Constitutional grounds.

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It should be noted that Rosenberg has declined to admit both to Agents, Congressional committees and [REDACTED]. Bentley's testimony indicates that she met Rosenberg only once and due to the fact that Rosenberg was out of the country during part of the time the Perlo Group was in operation, it is not felt that he would be in a position to furnish as complete information concerning the activities of the Perlo Group as other members thereof. In view of this fact and his attitude as exhibited during questioning by FBI agents, [REDACTED] and Congressional committees, it is not believed that he is a proper individual to whom an offer of immunity should be made under the Immunity Statute.

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Boston, Massachusetts

Residence - 44 Russell Road,  
West Newton, Massachusetts

DONALD NIVEN WHEELER

A meeting was held in the apartment of John Abt in NYC, probably on 2/27/44. Present at this meeting were John Abt, Victor Perlo, Charles Kramer, Henry Magdoff and Edward Fitzgerald and Elizabeth Bentley. During this meeting the representatives of the group discussed the payment of CP dues, the receipt of CP literature, and the type of intelligence information they would be able to furnish from the Government sources with which they had contact. They also discussed the intelligence information which could be expected from other members of the group who were not present at the meeting. Bentley recalled that mention was made of Donald Wheeler and it was indicated that because of his position on the editorial board of the Research and Analysis Section of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS), he would be able to make contributions of value. Accordingly, Bentley indicated that during the course of her association with the Perlo Group, Wheeler furnished considerable information which he had obtained through his employment. The information he furnished included ditto copies of monthly and semi-monthly reports of the OSS as they were concerned with political developments throughout the world. She recalled that these ditto reports were sometimes marked "secret" and sometimes marked "confidential." They did not, however, contain any marginal notations as to what division of the OSS they were routed to nor did they, so far as she could recall, indicate any other Governmental agency to which they were directed. She advised that Donald Wheeler also furnished typewritten and handwritten exhibits which he had obtained from an OSS digest made up of cable reports from State Department and OSS personnel. Included among this material also were various reports and memoranda prepared by the Foreign Nationalities Branch of the OSS. This material related to particular racial groups and their activities within the U. S. Subsequent to the initial meeting with the Perlo Group, mentioned above, Bentley regularly met representatives of this group at the apartment of Mary Price in NYC. On at least one occasion Wheeler was the representative who brought the intelligence information secured by other members of the group in Washington, D. C., to Bentley. She recalled also that Victor Perlo at the initial meeting with her had produced written material, including OSS documents which he advised had been made available to him by Donald Wheeler. Bentley subsequently advised that Wheeler furnished information through Perlo until the Summer of 1944, when Bill, Bentley's espionage supervisor at that time, requested that Wheeler be advised to discontinue activities for six months due to his being under suspicion by OSS. Bentley stated she so instructed Wheeler.

Wheeler was interviewed 5/29/47 and 9/29/48 by Bureau agents but refused to answer questions as to espionage activities. [REDACTED] b3

[REDACTED] He also appeared before the House Committee on Un-American Activities at San Francisco, California, on 12/1/53, at which time he refused to answer any questions, claiming protection under the Fifth Amendment. mch 6

OBSERVATIONS:

In 1953 Donald Wheeler wrote several letters to editors of small newspapers in the State of Washington, making severe attacks on the Director and calling Elizabeth Bentley a liar. In those letters he claimed to be a loyal citizen of the United States. In view of this attitude as exhibited by him publicly and in view of the fact that Bentley only recalls meeting him once and there is no information available to indicate that he was well acquainted with the activities of other individuals engaged in the Perlo Group, other than the slight possibility that on his meeting with Bentley he might have delivered information gathered by other members of the group, it is felt that he is not a logical individual to whom an offer of immunity under the Immunity Statute should be made.

RESIDENCE:

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It would appear that the Alsop brothers are fairly accurate in the facts on which they base their article although they tend to overemphasize the importance of the attempts to reactivate Bentley. It also appears that their information must have come from someone who was in the Department of Justice in the Fall of 1946 and who had knowledge of the case, including length of our summary dated October 21, 1946. (u)

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## Brownell Expands on 'Lost' Report

By Murrey Marder  
Post Reporter

Attorney General Herbert Brownell, Jr., yesterday acknowledged that information on spy rings contained in a so-called "missing" 1945 FBI report was known and considered for prosecution in 1947-48.

Brownell and Warren Olney III, Assistant Attorney General in charge of the Criminal Division, have previously referred to the report as being among papers that were "lost" or "missing" under the Democratic regime.

This has caused misconceptions that the information on Communist espionage rings had escaped consideration by Federal prosecutors. The fact is that although the report was "missing" from the files of the Department's Internal Security Section, the subject matter it dealt with was presented to a New York grand jury by a Federal prosecutor in the late 1940's.

In 1947-48, what amounted to a special prosecution section on subversive cases was set up in New York. Its work was directed by then Assistant Attorney General T. Vincent Quinn, and Thomas J. Donegan, an FBI agent until 1946, and then and now a special assistant to the Attorney General. Donegan now is also chairman of the Interdepartmental Committee on Internal Security.

Brownell was asked at a news conference yesterday if the so-called "missing" 1945 FBI report—which discussed Harry Dexter White and many other alleged Red agents—was seen by Donegan.

He said it was his "understanding" that Donegan had

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## Brownell Admits Data in 'Missing' Report Got Action in '47

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not seen it. Under questioning by reporters, Brownell later said, "Mr. Donegan told me that he had never seen that report." He went on to say, however, that he did not mean that Donegan had no knowledge of information that went into the report.

At another point, Brownell said, "As far as I know, he [Donegan] presented all the information he had" to the New York grand jury which considered possible espionage prosecutions in 1947-48. Brownell noted that he was not in the Justice Department at the time, and said he was unfamiliar with all the details of the matter.

Donegan actually had access to far more information about espionage than was contained in the report, which was only a summary of FBI information, drawn largely from the former spy ring courier, Elizabeth Bentley.

The Bentley story, about White and others, was presented to the New York grand jury and many of the persons named in the report were called before that grand jury. No one was indicted, for lack of supporting evidence at that time.

Donegan later worked on the cases which resulted in the indictment on other grounds of Alger Hiss, Judith Coplon, William Remington, the 11 top Communist leaders, and others.

Brownell said on February 8 that he was "terribly shocked" after he came into office to find 20,000 documents were improperly filed in the Department. He said the 1945 FBI report was one

which escaped "evaluation" by the Internal Security Section.

Reporters yesterday asked Brownell what further consideration could have been made of the 1945 report that did not take place in the special prosecution unit. He said if it had gone to the Internal Security Section it could have been pieced together there with other information, and a decision made on further investigation or possible prosecution. He said that is now being done.

Olney told a House Appropriations Subcommittee recently that the "missing" FBI report actually was in "a separate system of files" in the Deputy Attorney General's office, but was not cross-indexed to other files.

It is clear now that the report can be called "missing" only in the narrowest sense. It is known to have been made available to the House Un-American Activities Committee in 1949,

and it was publicly referred to by Vice President Richard M. Nixon, then a Congressman, on the floor of the House in January, 1950.

In answer to questions on other matters, Brownell said the Justice Department will hold up its report on a perjury investigation of diplomat John P. Davies, until the State Department concludes its review of whether Davies is a security risk.

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# Matter Of Fact

By Joseph and Stewart

## Brownell's Shocking Story

JUST how far a man can go in rearranging the facts to suit his own purpose is illustrated by recent sensational statements by Attorney General Herbert Brownell. Brownell shook the country when he said that he had found in the Justice Department "20 or 30 last documents . . . some of them of extreme importance." One of these was the famous 1945 FBI report on internal espionage, which named Harry Dexter White and many others. According to Brownell, this document had "never been evaluated by the proper officials in the Department of Justice, but just tossed into a desk drawer." This document, according to Brownell, contained "many names whose cases should have been followed up by the Department of Justice."

Brownell remarked that he was "terribly shocked" when he made these discoveries, and his charges, which amount at the very least to charges of criminal laxity, are certainly shocking. A good deal of detective work was needed to establish the facts behind these allegations, which are as follows:

The 1945 FBI report which was allegedly "tossed into a desk drawer" was based on the testimony volunteered to the FBI by Elizabeth Bentley. At the time a high level decision was taken to try to "re-establish Miss Bentley as a Communist, thus permitting her to act as a double agent. Absolute secrecy was obviously required for this attempt—a fact which lends a certain color of truth to former President Harry S. Truman's explanation of his failure to fire White.

THE ATTEMPT to reestablish Miss Bentley continued for several months after White was confirmed. In the meantime, about 100 FBI agents were assigned to the New York

as a and a similar number to Washington, in an attempt to verify Miss Bentley's story from independent sources. In October, 1946, the attempt to re-establish Miss Bentley as a double agent was abandoned—apparently the suspicions of the Communists and their Soviet masters had been aroused.

At about the same time, the FBI prepared a 206 page summary of all that had been learned since Miss Bentley made her original charges, and this was delivered to the Attorney General in December, 1946.

Until the attempt to reestablish Miss Bentley was given up, no legal action could be taken against the people she had named, since this would have alerted them. After the attempt was abandoned, however, the appropriate legal action was carefully considered in the criminal division of the Justice Department, and it was decided to present the Bentley charges to a grand jury.

Thomas J. Donegan, an able special agent of the FBI, who had been in charge of the FBI's New York office until the spring of 1948, knew a good deal about the case. FBI Chief J. Edgar Hoover there suggested that Donegan handle the case before the grand jury. Donegan was accordingly made Special Assistant to the Attorney General for this purpose. T. Vincent Quinn, who had been an Assistant United States Attorney General for several years, who had more legal experience than Donegan, and who was also approved by Hoover, was assigned to work with Donegan on the case.

IN SHORT, the whole case was given very special treatment, which presumably explains Brownell's charge that the 1945 FBI report had "never been through the regular channels in the Department of Justice." It is more

difficult to explain Brownell's implication that the names in the document were never "followed up."

Actually, all Miss Bentley's charges were considered in the most minute detail by two successive grand juries, which sat for no less than 36 months, starting in the summer of 1947. A determined attempt was made to get indictments on espionage charges against those named as spies by Miss Bentley. This attempt failed for lack of corroborative evidence. Corroborative evidence against one of those charged by Miss Bentley—White—eventually appeared in the celebrated pumpkin papers. But by then, White was already dead.

Hiss and Remington were, to be sure, both indicted, but on a perjury rather than an espionage charge, and the first batch of 12 Communist leaders were also indicted, but for conspiracy rather than spying. The failure to get indictments for espionage appears to be the only reasonable explanation of Brownell's sense of shock.

Yet Thomas J. Donegan, who was principally responsible for the presentation of the case, is still a Special Assistant to the Attorney General—who is, of course, none other than Herbert Brownell. Nor is this all. The Interdepartmental Committee on Internal Security is directly responsible to the National Security Council for the internal security of the United States. Brownell chose, to represent the Justice Department on this vital committee, none other than Thomas J. Donegan.

Nothing that Brownell said is untrue—undoubtedly, for example, at one time or another, the famous FBI report was indeed "tossed into a desk drawer." Even so, what Brownell said does seem shocking, although not quite in the way Brownell intended.

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What are the facts?

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What are facts as to this "double agent" angle? H.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. M. Ladd

DATE: February 23, 1954

FROM : A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, et al  
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In connection with the attached memorandum of February 19, 1954, the Director asked as to when it was that Attorney General Clark finally decided to have the Silvermaster case presented to a Federal Grand Jury. The matter was originally considered at a conference attended by Mr. E. A. Tamm, the Attorney General, T. Lamar Caudle, and James McInerney on January 23, 1947, with no decision being reached.

On May 23, 1947, Mr. Tom Donegan advised that the Attorney General had instructed that he and T. Vincent Quinn immediately arrange for a Grand Jury to hear testimony in connection with this case. The Federal Grand Jury convened in the Southern District of New York on June 16, 1947.

RECOMMENDATION:

The foregoing is submitted in response to the Director's question in this matter.

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The foregoing information has been furnished to Mr. Tamm of the Espionage Section.

RECOMMENDATION:

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Referenced air-tel instructed that ELIZABETH BENTLEY's book "Out of Bondage" be reviewed to insure there is no other information in the book which expands upon or differs with data which she has furnished to the Bureau.

To facilitate the comparison of information in the book with information furnished by Miss BENTLEY in her signed statement of 11/30/45 it was necessary to prepare an index of the statement as it appears in the report of SA THOMAS G. SPENCER made at NY, 12/5/45.

It is believed that such an index filed with copies of this report will be useful in facilitating research for information concerning individuals and incidents mentioned in Miss BENTLEY's statement.

There is being submitted herewith to the Bureau and offices having copies of this report amended pages 108 to 113 to be inserted in the report of SA THOMAS G. SPENCER made at NY 12/5/45.

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My dear Mr. Hoover,

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Nathan Silvermaster's picture, as page 2  
of "Life" for April 26th, in the lower right  
hand corner of the group picture of members  
of the California Institute, etc., as part  
of the Oppenheimer article?

Please don't let Oppenheimer  
get away with it. He and Silvermaster are still  
close friends, though secret. The far-flung  
apparatus, functioning for so many years is  
really terrifying, still potent.

It would be interesting to  
follow the careers of some of the other  
professors who were at that hot-bed of  
subversion together.

Blessings on you for  
your watchfulness. I hate to send this  
unsigned, but must through fear.

Sincerely,

An American

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### Jenner Committee Reported Them

## 'No Evidence' That Two Spy Rings Are Still in Operation, Brownell Says

By Harry Vandernoot  
 United Press Reporter

Attorney General Herbert Brownell, Jr., said yesterday the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee produced "no evidence" last summer to support its charge that two Soviet spy rings still were operating in the Government.

He also said the Administration hopes to bring Communist National Chairman William Z. Foster to trial for allegedly advocating the violent overthrow of the Government.

Brownell was asked on the Gannett News Service radio program, "Capital Memo," about the Subcommittee's report last summer that there once were four Communist spy rings operating within this Government and only two had been uncovered.

He said "there was no evi-

dence produced to substantiate the fact that there was supposed to have been other spy rings that have never been uncovered within the Government."

But, he said the FBI is trying to determine if the charges were true. "If they do produce any evidence of that, you may be sure it will be acted upon promptly," he said.

Brownell said the Justice Department has asked Federal Court in New York to appoint a doctor to examine Foster "to see whether his excuse that he is too sick to stand trial is a valid one."

Foster was national chairman of the Communist Party in 1948 when he and 11 other top United States Red leaders were indicted under the Smith Act. Foster escaped trial because of a heart ailment but the 11 others were sentenced to prison terms.

"If we are successful . . . Brownell said, "we will put on a trial of the actual head of the Communist Party in the United States."

The Attorney General also said the job of ridding the Government of security risks "is primarily a job for the Executive branch" which is "working in very close cooperation" with the FBI on the matter.

Brownell said the Executive branch has "very good machinery . . . to rid itself" of security risks. He outlined the Administration's program for getting rid of subversives or other Government employees who might be subject to Communist pressures.

He said previous Democratic Administrations could have done the same thing but they believed "that you should only get rid of them (security risks) if you could convict them of a crime."

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TO : MR. L. V. BOARDMAN *HB*DATE: May 3, 1954 *Vick*FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT *Q*SUBJECT: NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, ETAL  
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Attorney General Brownell, according to a "Washington Post" article of May 3, 1954, was asked on the Gannett News Service Radio Program, "Capital Memo," about the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee report last summer which stated there were four Communist spy rings operating within the Government and only two uncovered. The Attorney General said "there was no evidence produced to substantiate the fact that there was supposed to have been other spy rings that have never been uncovered within the Government." The Director asked as to the facts:

Elizabeth Bentley, in testifying before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee on May 29, 1952, stated she knew that Alger Hiss was operating in another network and that "one of my Soviet contacts (told me) about the existence of other groups in the Government." The Senate Internal Security Subcommittee played this up as "two Soviet rings not exposed" in their report dated July 30, 1953.

Following Bentley's testimony on May 29, 1952, we instructed the New York Office on June 5, 1952, to question Bentley on this testimony, and she stated in substance that she was unable to furnish us any further details other than to state that in conversations had with Joseph Katz, her Soviet superior in 1944 and 1945, she got the impression that there was another network functioning. She did not think this was the network in which Judith Coplon had been involved. She could furnish no information on the make-up of this group.

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Director, FBI (134-435)

SAC, New York (65-14603)

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Re your airtel 10/26/53 in case entitled "HARRY DEXTER WHITE;

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Retel instructed that ELIZABETH BENTLEY'S book "Out of Bondage" be reviewed to insure there is no other information (contained in the book) which expands upon or differs with data she has furnished the Bureau and that all pertinent data in the book be channeled to the appropriate individual files.

References pertaining to ANATOL GROMOV whom BENTLEY knew as "Al", are found in the book on pages 250, 253-255, 266-269, 274, 286, 290-293, 297-299, and 301.

In view of the fact that GROMOV has long been outside the US, and because of the rather large number of references to him in the book, a detailed comparison of each reference with information previously furnished by BENTLEY concerning him was not made; however, from a perusal of the references, there appears to be little information in them which materially changes or adds to information which BENTLEY has previously furnished concerning him.

The NYO does not appear to have a separate case file on GROMOV. Material on him is contained in the GREGORY case file. It is not known whether or not the Bureau or WFO maintain separate case files on this subject; however, sufficient copies of this letter are being designated for inclusion in such files if they exist.

A copy of the book "Out of Bondage" is maintained in the NYO Library and may be referred to should the occasion arise in the future that the information contained therein needs to be reviewed in greater detail.

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Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
 FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (65-14603)

DATE: 6/17/54

SUBJECT: GREGORY  
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RE: JOHN WRIGHT

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On 6/14/54 WILLIAM FRANCISCO, Deputy Marshal, SDNY, was interviewed at the NYO. Mr. FRANCISCO resides at 300 West 49th Street, NYO. He advised that his wife, RUTH FRANCISCO, was a former resident of Madison, Connecticut and that his mother-in-law, Mrs. SARAH CHITTENDEN was a native of Madison. He advised Mrs. CHITTENDEN is presently confined to a Nursing Home, The Waters Memorial Home, at Madison suffering from a slight mental illness. FRANCISCO advised that a few years ago, before his mother-in-law was confined, he used to make periodic trips to Madison with his wife and that while visiting there he made the acquaintance of JOHN WRIGHT. He stated that WRIGHT had informed him that he had sold ELIZABETH BENTLEY an automobile and that he had thereafter been in her employ as a handyman.

Mr. FRANCISCO characterized JOHN WRIGHT as a complete phony and an individual who was able to get along very well without working. He stated he had not been in Madison for about a year or so although recently his wife has been making weekly trips to see her mother who is very ill.

Approximately two weeks ago, when she was in Madison, she happened to meet WRIGHT and WRIGHT informed Mrs. FRANCISCO "they got me assigned to watch Miss BENTLEY". Mr. FRANCISCO could give no further information regarding who the "they" might be but he stated that he thought possibly that this might be a matter which he should refer to the FBI.

As the Bureau will recall, several years ago, while Miss BENTLEY was living in Madison, she became involved with WRIGHT. As a result, there was one instance where WRIGHT and BENTLEY had a very bad argument resulting in WRIGHT allegedly using violence on Miss BENTLEY. As a result of this, Miss BENTLEY was in a highly emotional state for a period of several months, had to be treated by a physician and was the cause of some concern to the agents handling her at this time. As the Bureau also recalls, as a result of this incident, WRIGHT was subpoenaed by former United States Attorney MILES LANE and LANE interviewed WRIGHT at length when he appeared to answer the subpoena. The results of this interview have previously been forwarded to the Bureau.

As the Bureau has previously been advised, Miss BENTLEY is presently residing care of Mrs. GEORGE POIROT, Route 1, Madison, Connecticut.

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In view of the non-specific nature of the information supplied by FRANCISCO, it is not believed that this warrants interview of WRIGHT by Agents of the New Haven Office, however, it is believed advisable that the Resident Agent covering the city of Madison, Connecticut be on the alert for any information that might indicate that WRIGHT is violating the Impersonation or other Bureau Statute.



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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON  
 MR. BOARDMAN  
 MR. BELMONT  
 MR. NICHOLS

*Gregory Case*

I have called to the Attorney General's attention orally the action of the Criminal Division of the Department in showing to Mr. Ben Mandel a copy of the confidential memorandum which I addressed to the Attorney General on April 15, 1948, relative to the Treasury Department and its efforts in having Attorney General Clark address certain communications to the Grand Jury sitting in New York inquiring into subversive activities within Government agencies.

I pointed out to the Attorney General that I thought that this action, in showing to Mr. Mandel a copy of this memorandum, was highly reprehensible and I urged that he call to the attention of all Divisions the instructions which he recently approved to the FBI that no information of confidential character or files or records of the FBI were to be made available to any outside agency or department.

Very truly yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
 Director

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TO : Mr. Tolson *V. per M*

FROM : L. B. Nichols

DATE: July 26, 1956 *JR*

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*D-7* Elizabeth Bentley called. She stated she had been in Washington to give a pre-trial deposition in the William Taylor libel suit against the Scripps Howard papers. Taylor's attorney, Byron N. Scott, with offices in the Wyatt Building, in his questioning of her, indicated he had been in contact with William Remington or Remington's attorney; that he had asked her a long line of questions dealing with the operations of the FBI which she declined to answer on the grounds of discharging her patriotic duty not to disclose confidential investigative techniques. She further stated Mark Friedlander, attorney for the Washington Daily News, objected at every step at questions asked by Scott and had promised to send her a copy of the transcript. (L) *Brown*

I think perhaps it might be well for us to get a copy of this transcript, which I am sure I can arrange for through Walker Stone and will do so unless you feel it should not be done. (L) *✓* *von* *GA*

cc: Mr. Boardman  
 Mr. Belmont

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**BULKY EXHIBIT - INVENTORY OF PROPERTY ACQUIRED AS EVIDENCE**

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New York Field Division

8/3/54 Date

Title and Character of Case: **NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, was; ETAL  
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*nm* Date Property Acquired: 11/17/45

Source From Which Property Acquired: **ELIZABETH BENTLEY**

Location of Property or Bulky Exhibit: **Safe Deposit Box, Manufacturers Trust  
Company**

Reason for Retention of Property and Efforts Made to Dispose of Same: **Evidence. Efforts presently being made  
to dispose of property.**

Description of Property or Exhibit and Identity of Agent Submitting Same: **100 \$20 bills totalling \$2,000.00**

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EDWARD JOSEPH FITZGERALD, AND HARRY MAGDOFF--NEWARK SUTEL  
RE WILLIAM LUDWIG ULLMAN--PITTSBURGH RE SONIE GOLD. OTHER  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : A. H. Belmont  
 FROM : W. A. Branigan

DATE: August 13, 1954

SUBJECT: NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, was., ET AL  
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Immunity Bill passed by Congress provides that in proceedings relating to national defense, witnesses before Congressional committees and Federal grand juries can be granted immunity from prosecution after pleading that their answers to certain questions might incriminate them. Congressional committees cannot grant immunity to witnesses without first notifying the Attorney General and securing the approval of the USDC for the district wherein inquiry is being held. U. S. Attorney can, with the approval of the Attorney General, petition the court to instruct a witness to testify and, upon order of the court, such witness cannot be excused from testifying on the grounds that it might incriminate him. Analysis of Immunity Bill as it affects subjects in the Silvermaster case would indicate such subjects can be called before a Federal grand jury and 1) if, after being granted immunity, they refuse to testify or answer questions they can be held in contempt of court; 2) they can agree to cooperate and while free from prosecution themselves, their testimony may corroborate Elizabeth Bentley's allegations and successful prosecution of Silvermaster subjects may result; 3) they may agree to talk and thereafter give perjured testimony which could result in perjury prosecution. There are approximately 40 subjects involved in varying degrees in the Silvermaster case.

It is considered necessary to review the Silvermaster file to determine 1) on which subjects the statute of limitations has not yet run 2) if immunity is offered which subject is more likely to talk 3) which subject can best corroborate the testimony of Elizabeth Bentley 4) which subject has intelligence information of outstanding value 5) which subjects have already refused to answer pertinent questions before a Federal Grand Jury.

We must also consider that a subject who is compelled to testify cannot be subsequently prosecuted, other than for perjury or contempt, for any subsequent violation he may admit. It must be carefully considered, therefore, whether the value of the intelligence information to be gained outweighs the possibility of successful prosecution.

cc - Mr. P. G. Travers  
 ERT:bmm

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**ACTION:**

We are conducting the necessary review of the Silvermaster case and will submit a memorandum relative to the effects the Immunity Bill may have.

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TO : L. V. Boardman

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FROM : A. H. Belmont

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The Internal Security Division of the Department has been considering what action can be taken against the Silvermaster subjects and those related to them under the new Immunity Bill which is expected to be signed by the President in the immediate future.

Pursuant to their request, Supervisors W. A. Branigan and E. B. Tully conferred today with Mr. Thomas Hall and Mr. L. Broome, who is in charge of the Departmental attorneys considering the case.

At the outset, Hall and Broome explained that their consideration of the Silvermaster case was predicated on making a prosecutable case for conspiracy to violate the wartime espionage statutes. They stated they considered two separate conspiracies exist, the first involving Nathan Gregory Silvermaster and his associates, and the second involving the Perlo group. They stated they had examined the Bureau's reports looking to determine who would be the best witnesses and could involve the most subjects. They also stated they considered who would be the most likely to be willing to accept immunity in exchange for his testimony. In their opinion the evidence that Elizabeth Bentley could give would make a technical case but it would be necessary to corroborate her statements to bring the case to trial. It was their opinion that they would have a wider latitude of proof and it would be easier to establish a conspiracy to violate the espionage statutes than it would be to establish a substantive violation of the Act.

Mr. Broome stated that as a result of their consideration they had come up with four prime subjects in the Silvermaster group to whom the Immunity Bill might be applied. They are:

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- 1) William Ludwig Ullman. Their analysis reflected that Ullman was next to Nathan Gregory Silvermaster in knowledge of the operations of the group. They indicated they would be reluctant to give him immunity but because of his over-all knowledge and the fact that he could involve the greatest number of subjects, he was of primary consideration.
- 2) Abraham George Silverman. They stated that Silverman was a good target because of his connection with the Treasury Department employees, principally Harry Dexter White. They stated he also would have good knowledge of the over-all operations of other subjects.
- 3) Sonia Gold. They stated that she was planted in the Treasury Department, according to Bentley, to act as a courier for Harry Dexter White and, therefore, would also have excellent knowledge, particularly concerning White.
- 4) Earl Browder. They stated he would have over-all knowledge of both the Silvermaster and the Perlo organizations. They felt any decision to grant him immunity would be a policy decision which necessarily would have to be made by the Attorney General because of the controversial nature of Browder.

In addition to the above four, they mentioned the following as persons to whom the Bill also could be applied:

- 1) Lee Pressman. With regard to him, they stated he could probably give background information concerning the Communistic affiliations of the Silvermaster and Perlo groups. They stated that quite probably he could give testimony linking the individuals with the old Ware group. They pointed out that he has ostensibly cooperated and has testified before a Congressional committee but they felt that Pressman has not been wholly cooperative and his knowledge would be more extensive than he claimed.

- 2) Alexander Koral. They pointed out that he also has cooperated but that they felt his cooperation, too, is limited.
- 3) Joseph Katz. They observed that he would have excellent knowledge of the espionage operations since he was Bentley's superior. They observed that he is presently out of the country and the Bureau has made efforts to cause his return.

With respect to the Perlo group, they stated their considerations reflected that Edward Fitzgerald was the most likely person to whom the Bill could be applied. They pointed out he had good over-all knowledge of the Perlo operations; that the Bureau had obtained information that he did not like Victor Perlo, and that he is presently unemployed. They also stated that Harry Magdoff is a good possibility. They stated he had good knowledge and was present at the original meeting of the Perlo group in the apartment of John Abt in New York City in 1944.

Hall and Broome requested to know what the Bureau thought concerning possible persons to whom the Bill might be applied. It was explained to them that this appeared to be a question relating to prosecution and is not within our province. It was stated the Bureau would not make recommendations as to persons to whom the Bill could be applied. Hall stated he appreciated the Bureau's position and that he understood that the responsibility for selecting an individual or individuals was solely that of the Department. Broome pointed out that they were seeking a short cut to making their decisions and if the Bureau had any facts which would aid in arriving at a decision, the Department would appreciate them. We again pointed out that the Bureau would not recommend individuals for consideration and that this was the Department's responsibility.

To assist them, Mr. Hall specifically requested the following investigations:



- 1) That the Bureau make immediate check to determine the whereabouts of the above-mentioned individuals;
- 2) That we check and furnish available information concerning the physical and financial conditions of the above persons;
- 3) That the Bureau furnish any information which would indicate that any of the above individuals had had a change of attitude and might be desirous of cooperating with the Government.

It was also specifically requested that the Bureau give consideration to approaching Joseph Katz in Israel for the purpose of acquainting him with the Immunity Bill and sounding him out as to whether he would return to the United States if immunity from prosecution were offered.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Hall pointed out that the consideration of the Silvermaster case is one of the most important things over in the Department at the present time. He stated that he has been directed to prepare a statement for the Department, which statement he indicated will be released at the time the Bill is signed by the President. He advised he had been instructed to have this statement prepared by this afternoon and he indicated it was his own belief that the Bill would be signed by the President tomorrow. Hall did not indicate what kind of statement the Department planned to make. He requested that the Bureau give priority to the inquiries to be made and advised that the Department probably would want to proceed sometime early next week.

OBSERVATIONS AND BUREAU POSITION:

When we first learned about the passage of the Immunity Bill and the Departmental consideration being given to the Silvermaster case, we immediately commenced our own analysis of the Silvermaster subjects to see which, in our opinion, represented the best possibilities. The memorandum of analysis is attached.

Our own analysis reflects that we consider William Ludwig Ullman, Abraham George Silverman and Sonie Gold as persons who might be granted immunity in the light of the provisions of this Act. However, considering all factors involved we believe that the most likely persons to talk and cooperate with the Government is William Ludwig Ullman. This has been our conclusion for sometime and we have previously developed sources who have attempted to get close to Ullman.

Concerning Silverman, the Bureau agrees with the Department insofar as Silverman has a comprehensive knowledge of the espionage apparatus involved and would be in a position to corroborate most of Bentley's testimony; however, due to Silverman's advanced age and considering the fact that he has what appears to be a serious heart ailment, it is not considered likely that he would be the type of individual to whom immunity would appeal.

With respect to Sonie Gold, it must be pointed out Bentley's allegations do not indicate her degree of involvement in the espionage apparatus is as great as some of the other subjects involved. For this reason plus the fact that she has not refused to testify on the grounds that she might incriminate herself before any proceedings to date would indicate that she is not a good candidate to offer immunity to. Since immunity cannot be offered to a person until he has refused to testify on the grounds of self incrimination, we do not consider Sonie Gold as a very good prospect.

Our analysis of the Silvermaster case did not take into consideration the possibility of granting immunity to Earl Browder, Alexander Koral, and Lee Pressman since they are not considered principal subjects in the Silvermaster or Perlo groups. Since the Department has seen fit to advance their names as prospects for consideration under the Immunity Bill, we feel that the following comments are applicable to their cases.

Earl Browder's involvement in this case goes back to Bentley's allegation that in November, 1943, Golos informed Bentley that through Browder, he had made contact with a group

in Washington, D. C. After the death of Golos, Browder arranged for the meeting between Bentley and the members of the Perlo group in John Abt's apartment. There is no doubt that Browder has a wealth of information. Browder in the past had indicated that he would be willing to cooperate with the Government. He has never done so. He has always taken the position that he knew nothing about espionage and he was a political leader of a political party. Bentley's information and other information would definitely refute this. Our stand on Browder's cooperation has always been a firm one. He is a scheming, tricky and intelligent individual. He is an extreme egotist, and would probably be willing to take advantage of any promise of immunity to give as little information as possible. It is our feeling that the only way for Browder to get immunity would be for him to sit down and tell the FBI everything. It is questionable that an offer of immunity should be extended to him.

As to Lee Pressman, we did not consider him in our analysis since he is not a principal subject in the case and figures only on the fringe. Our estimate of him is that he is a no-good individual, extremely tricky and his previous cooperation was half-hearted. If possible extending immunity to him should be avoided.

Alexander Koral is considered a poor prospect in this matter since from our knowledge of him, his implication in the Silvermaster case is rather vague and there are other individuals who we know have a comprehensive knowledge of this case who would make better candidates for an immunity offer. In view of this, our analysis does not comment on Koral and we do not consider him a likely prospect for an immunity offer.

Concerning the Department's request that consideration be given to approaching Joseph Katz to determine if he would be willing to return to the United States if immunity would be granted; the following should be noted:

Katz is presently in Israel and has now become an Israeli citizen. We have previously conducted extensive inquiries seeking to get Katz to come within the jurisdiction of the Bureau so that he could be apprehended and prosecuted. As things now stand, the chances of having Katz voluntarily come to the United States are practically nil. There should be no objection to making inquiries to see if an approach ~~could~~ could be made to Katz as was suggested by the Department. The probability that he will accept such an offer appears to be remote.

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Hall and Broome also advanced the names of Edward Fitzgerald and Harry Magdoff as individuals to whom immunity might be offered in connection with the Perle group. In our analysis we considered both Fitzgerald and Magdoff in the light of the Immunity Bill, and it is our opinion that there is no reason to believe that Fitzgerald would be more likely to talk than any of the other subjects in the Perle group. Fitzgerald attended the meeting at Abt's home wherein the conspiracy was formed, and there is no doubt that he could furnish considerable information to corroborate Bentley. However, since there is no indication that he is a more likely prospect than any of the others involved, it is our opinion that we should consider him for prosecution rather than grant him immunity under this Act. We also considered Harry Magdoff in connection with the Immunity Bill but concluded that there were better prospects than Magdoff since from Bentley's allegations, it is our understanding that his knowledge of the espionage apparatus is not nearly as comprehensive as many of the others involved. Although Magdoff was in attendance at the meeting in John Abt's apartment, Bentley advised that he only furnished meager information; therefore, in our opinion he is not a likely prospect for immunity in this matter.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

(1) It is not considered sound for the Bureau to recommend to the Department persons in the Silvermaster case who should be considered under the Immunity Bill. We have previously furnished the Department complete facts available to us concerning the many subjects involved. A decision as to who should be proceeded against utilizing the Immunity Bill is solely one for the Department. If you agree, this stand will be incorporated in a letter which should be sent to the Department.

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(2) It is believed that we should put the Department on notice at this time that the Bureau's position in this matter is that if any individual begins to talk, that person should be turned over to the Bureau for interrogation and so that we can exploit his knowledge. If you agree, we will make known this position in a letter to the Department.

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(3) Relative to the Department's request for investigation relative to the whereabouts of the individual subjects, their present attitude and their physical and financial condition, a teletype is attached instructing the field to ascertain the present address of these persons but to limit any action on the other points to any information contained in the files which has not previously been reported. We will advise the Department by letter that we are making these inquiries.

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(4) It will be noted that Mr. Hall indicated that the Department was preparing a statement for release at the time the Immunity Bill is signed by the President. Belmont advised Mr. Hall this afternoon that while a statement by the Department is a matter for the Department to decide, it would be well to consider whether a statement prior to action under the statute might not drive the subjects under consideration into hiding and make them unavailable for subpoena. I also suggested that if and when the Department makes a release

consideration should be given to a phrasing which would encourage persons who have valuable information on subversive and espionage matters, but who have heretofore been fearful of self-incrimination, to come to the FBI so that their desire to cooperate under the statute can be brought to the attention of the Attorney General. I pointed out, from the Department's standpoint, this would be preferable to such persons going to Congressional Committees. Mr. Hall stated these observations would receive the attention of the Department.

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(5) The Department requested that the Bureau consider an approach to Joseph Katz to determine whether he would be willing to come back to the United States if granted immunity under this bill. In this regard, it is not believed the Bureau should attempt to arrange an approach as indicated by the Department. Such an approach, if to have any weight, would have to be worked out by the State Department since Katz is in Israel and is an Israeli citizen. It is, therefore, recommended that we advise the Department we have no objection to any action they may undertake to considering an approach to Joseph Katz.

Director, FBI (134-435)

8/19/54

SAC, New York (65-14603)

ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY  
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WORLD TOURISTS INC.  
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ReBuairtel 10/26/53, in case entitled "HARRY DEXTER WHITE,  
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Re airtel instructed that ELIZABETH BENTLEY'S book "Out  
of Bondage" be reviewed to insure there is no other information (con-  
tained in the book) which expands upon or differs with data she has  
furnished the Bureau, and that all pertinent data in the book be  
channelized to the appropriate individual files.

References pertaining to World Tourists are found in the  
book on pages 113-117, 119, 120, 122, 123, 127, 128, 133, 136, 138,  
142, 154, 163, 188, 201, 209, 210, 223, 224, 228, 230, 235, 244,  
272, and 276.

References pertaining to U.S. Shipping and Service Corp.,  
which organization was closely affiliated with World Tourists,  
are found in the book on pages 130, 131, 133, 153, 161, 162, 163,  
209, 268, 269, 290, 291, 293 and 306. In addition, information  
having to do with the formation of the organization which later  
became known as U.S. Shipping and Service Corp., is found beginning  
at page 123.

A review of the information on both corporations found  
in the book is for the most part, in substance, similar to that  
furnished by Miss BENTLEY in her signed statement of November 30,  
1945 (NY 65-14603-264). Inasmuch as U.S. Shipping and Service  
Corp. is now defunct and World Tourists is virtually defunct,  
particularly as it was organized and operated during the period  
of BENTLEY'S association with it, no dissemination of clippings  
from the book is being made to the World Tourist case file.

However, a copy of instant letter is being designated  
for the World Tourist file and attention is directed to the fact  
that a copy of "Out of Bondage" is maintained in the NYC library  
should further review of the above mentioned references become  
desirable in the future.

- 1 - Bureau (97-3030) (WORLD TOURISTS)
- ① - Bureau (65-56402) (GREGORY CASE)
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NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, WAS., ET AL., ESP DASH R. BUFILE SIX  
FIVE DASH FIVE SIX FOUR NAUGHT TWO. REBUTEL AUG NINETEEN LAST.  
INFO REQUESTED IN RETEL CONCERNING FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS IS AS  
FOLLOWS. ABRAHAM GEORGE SILVERMAN, RESIDENCE TWO FIVE FIVE W.  
TWENTYTHIRD ST., NYC, UNEMPLOYED. NO ADDITIONAL INFO RE PHYSICAL  
AND FINANCIAL CONDITION OR DEGREE OF COOPERATIVENESS BEYOND THAT  
PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED TO BUREAU. EARL BROWDER, RESIDENCE SEVEN  
HIGHLAND PL., YONKERS, NY, SELF EMPLOYED AS WRITER AT RESIDENCE.  
NO ADDITIONAL INFO RE PHYSICAL AND FINANCIAL CONDITION BEYOND THAT  
PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED TO BUREAU.

BROWDER AND JAFFE

WERE COOPERATING IN LIMITED SCALE BUT NONE OF THE THREE WOULD  
COOPERATE FULLY UNLESS IMMUNITY LAW BE PASSED BECAUSE OF THEIR HAVING  
COMMITTED CRIMES ON WHICH STATUTE OF LIMITATION DOES NOT APPLY.

ALEXANDER KORAL RESIDES THIRTY DASH ELEVEN PARSONS BLVD., FLUSHING  
NY, EMPLOYED AT FELHEIMER AND WAGNER, ONE FIVE FIVE E. FORTYSECOND

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ST., NYC. NO FURTHER INFO RE PHYSICAL OR FINANCIAL CONDITION OR DEGREE OF COOPERATIVENESS BEYOND THAT PREVIOUSLY REPORTED TO BUREAU. LEE PRESSMAN RESIDES <sup>2 6</sup> TWO SIX FORSTER AVE., MT. VERNON, NY, SELF EMPLOYED AS LAWYER, <sup>2 2 5</sup> TWO TWO FIVE BROADWAY, NYC. ALSO ACTIVE IN MANAGEMENT OF HARRIS STEEL AND TUBE CO., KEARNEY, NJ. NO ADDITIONAL INFO RE PHYSICAL OR FINANCIAL CONDITION OR DEGREE OF COOPERATIVENESS BEYOND THAT PREVIOUSLY REPORTED TO BUREAU. EDWARD JOSEPH FITZGERALD RESIDES <sup>3 3 5</sup> ~~FIVE~~ THREE FIVE W. ELEVEN ST., NYC. EMPLOYED AS OF APRIL TWENTYONE LAST BY LINCOLN LETTER SERVICE, <sup>14 6</sup> FOURTEEN GRAND ST., NYC. NO INFO TO INDICATE PHYSICAL DISABILITY. RECENT FINANCIAL STATUS POOR, ACCORDING TO EX-WIFE. DECLINED INTERVIEW WHEN CONTACTED BY BUREAU AGENT JULY EIGHT LAST. HARRY MAGDOFF RESIDES <sup>6 8 - 6 2</sup> SIX EIGHT DASH SIX TWO ONE <sup>136 2</sup> HUNDRED THIRTYSIX ST., FLUSHING, NY. SELF EMPLOYED AS ECONOMIC CONSULTANT AT BASEMENT OF <sup>3 4 0</sup> THREE FOUR NAUGHT E. THIRTEEN ST., NYC. ON MAY ONE FIFTYTHREE APPEARED BEFORE JENNER COMMITTEE, AT WHICH TIME DECLINED TO ANSWER QUESTIONS CONCERNING BENTLEYS ALLEGATIONS ON BASIS OF SELF-INCRIMINATION. ACCORDING TO DR. WAS UNABLE TO REAPPEAR BEFORE COMMITTEE MAY TWENTYEIGHT FIFTYTHREE DUE TO HEART CONDITION. PRIOR TO SCHEDULED APPEARANCE WAS QUESTIONED BY COUNSEL ROBERT MORRIS, AT WHICH TIME ATTITUDE UNCHANGED.

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NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, WAS., ET AL, ESPIONAGE-R.

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AUGUST NINETEEN, LAST. SONIA GOLD CONTINUES TO RESIDE FOUR NAUGHT  
FOUR NAUGHT WINDSOR ST., PITTSBURGH, AND IS EMPLOYED AS A HOUSEWIFE.

NO INFO AVAILABLE REGARDING PHYSICAL AND FINANCIAL CONDITION AND WILL-  
INGNESS OF GOLD TO COOPERATE WHICH HAS NOT BEEN PREVIOUSLY FURNISHED  
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NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, WAS. ETAL. ESPIONAGE - R REBUTEL  
AUGUST NINETEEN LAST. SUBJECT CONTINUES TO RESIDE EIGHTY SEVENTH  
STREET HARVEY CEDARS, NJ, AND AS PARTNER ULLMAN AND SILVERMASTER  
BUILDERS SAME ADDRESS. NO ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AVAILABLE RE WILLIAM  
LUDWIG ULLMAN-S WILLINGNESS TO COOPERATE.

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Assistant Attorney General  
William F. Tompkins  
Director, FBI

August 22, 1954

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NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, with aliases, ET AL  
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ON 6/23/83

Reference is made to our letter to you dated August 20, 1954, advising we were attempting to ascertain the current whereabouts, the physical and financial conditions, and the present attitudes toward cooperation with the Government of the following individuals:

William Ludwig Ullman  
Abraham George Silverman  
Sonia Gold  
Earl Browder  
Alexander Koral  
Leopold Trepper  
Edward Joseph Fitzgerald  
Harry Wadoff

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AND  
FIELD  
SLIP (S)  
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In response to your request in this regard, the following information was developed:

William Ludwig Ullman resides on 87th Street, Harvey Cedars, New Jersey, with Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Gregory Silvermaster. Ullman and Silvermaster are partners in a construction business operating from their residence address. No additional information is available concerning Ullman's physical or financial conditions or his willingness to cooperate with the Government.

Abraham George Silverman resides at 255 West 23rd Street, New York City. He is unemployed. There is no additional information available relating to his health, financial condition, or his attitude toward cooperating with the Government.

Sonia Gold continues to reside at 4040 Windear Street, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. She is a housewife. No new information is available relative to her financial or physical conditions or her willingness to be of assistance to the Government.

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Earl Browder is self-employed as a writer at his residence, 7 Highland Place, Yonkers, New York. No additional information has been developed concerning his physical condition or his finances.

[REDACTED] It was stated that Browder was cooperating to a limited degree but would not cooperate fully unless granted immunity from prosecution. *ref*

Alexander Keral resides at 30-11 Parsons Boulevard, Flushing, New York, and is employed at Felheimer and Wagner, 155 East 42nd Street, New York City. No further information is available as to his financial and physical conditions or the degree of cooperation the Government might expect from him.

Lee Pressman resides at 26 Forster Avenue, Mount Vernon, New York. He is self-employed as an attorney with offices at 225 Broadway, New York City. No additional information relating to Pressman's financial or physical condition or his attitude toward cooperation with the Government is available.

Edward Joseph Fitzgerald resides at 335 West 11th Street, New York City. He is employed by the Lincoln Letter Service, 14 Grand Street, New York City. There is no available information relative to his physical condition. It has been reported that he is in poor financial condition. As of July 8, 1954, he refused to be interviewed by an agent of this Bureau.

Harry Magdoff resides at 68-62 136th Street, Flushing, New York. He is self-employed as an economics consultant at 340 East 13th Street, New York City. On May 1, 1953, Magdoff appeared before the Jenner Committee and declined to answer questions concerning the allegations of Elizabeth Bentley on the basis of self-incrimination. According to a physician, Magdoff was unable to reappear before the Jenner Committee on May 28, 1953, due to a heart condition.

Any additional pertinent information which we receive relating to the individuals involved herein will be furnished to you.

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION. **AUGUST 28, 1954**

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Transmit the following message to: **SACs, NEW YORK  
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**NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, WITH ALIASES, ET AL, ESPIONAGE - R.  
RE SAC LETTER FIFTYFOUR DASH FORTYTHREE. DEPARTMENT IMPANELLING  
GRAND JURIES TO HEAR WITNESSES IN THIS CASE IN CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY,  
STARTING SEPTEMBER ONE, AND DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA STARTING ON ABOUT  
SEPTEMBER SEVEN. SUTEL BY TWELVE NOON MONDAY, UNDER THIS CAPTION,  
CURRENT VERIFIED ADDRESSES AND EMPLOYMENT RE EACH OF THE FOLLOWING:  
NEW YORK, MARY PRICE, HAROLD GLASSER, IRVING KAPLAN AND V. FRANK  
COE. PORTLAND, CHARLES KRAMER. CHICAGO, NORMAN BURSNER. WASHINGTON  
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The above data requested by the Department's Internal  
Security Division by memorandum dated August 27, 1954.

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NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, WAS., ET AL, ESPIONAGE - R.

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SEPTEMBER TWO NEXT UNDER THIS CAPTION CURRENT VERIFIED ADDRESSES  
AND EMPLOYMENT RE EACH OF THE FOLLOWING: NEW YORK, CHARLES S.  
FLATO, DAVID R. WAHL, PHILIP DUNAWAY. RICHMOND, SOLOMON  
LISCHINSKY. BOSTON, ALLAN ROSENBERG, PAUL VICTOR MARTINEAU,  
GEORGE R. FAIG. LOS ANGELES, MARGARET BENNETT PORTER, RAE ELSON,  
JOSEPH GARR. ALBUQUERQUE, PHILIP REBO. NEWARK, HELEN W.  
SILVERMASTER, ANATOLE B. VOLKOV, ISADORE MILLER. WASHINGTON  
FIELD, WILLARD E. PARK, GEORGE PERAZICH.

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VERNMENT

TO : Mr. Belmont

FROM : W. A. Branigan

SUBJECT: NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, et al  
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Mr. Thomas Hall of the Internal Security Division of the Department called this morning. He requested that the Bureau furnish him with photographs of the principal subjects in the Silvermaster and Perlo groups.

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ACTION:

It should be noted that while we had previously furnished the Department with copies of investigative reports in the Silvermaster and related cases, we have not furnished them photographs of the subjects.

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If you agree, copies of such photographs as are readily available will be furnished to Hall.

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Assistant Attorney General  
William P. Tompkins

Director, FBI

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NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, with aliases,  
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Pursuant to the request of Mr. Thomas E. Hall  
of your Division, copies of the available photographs of  
the following individuals were made by the office  
of Mr. Hall by Mr. [redacted] 1954. U

Adler, Solomon  
Alfrage, George  
Brenner, Earl  
Eisen, Ben  
Glasser, Harold  
Gold, Bela  
Gold, Sonia  
Goles, Jacob  
Greenberg, Michael  
Gregg, Joseph B.  
Hiss, Alger  
Joseph, Julius Joseph  
Kaplan, Irving  
Kramer, Charles  
Lee, Samuel Chaplin  
Lischinsky, Solomon A.  
Magdoff, Harry Samuel

Talbott III  
Tamm, William Zerbe  
Perazich, George M.  
Perle, Victor  
Prudina, Olga Borisovna  
Prios, Mary Wolfe  
Prios, Mildred  
Redmont, Bernard Sidney  
Remington, William Walter  
Rhodes, Peter Christopher  
Rifkin, Ruth  
Rosenberg, Allan Robert  
Silverman, Abraham George  
Silvermaster, Nathan Gregory  
Silvermaster, Helen Witte  
Taylor, William  
Tenny, Helen B.  
Ullman, William Ludwig  
Witte, Harry Dertgen

One copy of the photograph of each of the  
following individuals is enclosed herewith:

Abt, John J.  
Buraler, Norman S.  
Gee, V. Frank  
Gurrie, Benjamin  
Fitzgerald, Edward J.

Greene, Anstall  
Halperin, Maurice  
Koral, Alexander  
Perazich, George M.  
Rosen, Anstall

Tolson  
Boardman  
Nichols  
Belmont  
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Attachment  
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NOTE: There is being attached herewith negatives of the  
photographs of some of the foregoing individuals where additional copies of  
these are also attached in an envelope which should be  
maintained in this case for future reference.

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GEORGE ZEASTON



NORMAN BURSIER  
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EDWARD FITZGERALD  
—AP Photo



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SAC, New York (65-14603)

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Rebuaair-tel 10/26/53 in case entitled "HARRY DEXTER  
WHITE; ESPIONAGE - R."

Rebuaair-tel instructed that ELIZABETH BENTLEY'S book,  
"Cut of Bondage," be reviewed to insure that there is no other  
information contained in the book which expands upon or differs  
with data she has furnished the Bureau and that all pertinent  
data in the book be channeled to appropriate case files. (u)

References pertinent to the AMERICAN LEAGUE AGAINST  
WAR AND FASCISM are contained in the book on pages 6-11, 16-18,  
21, 25, 35, 36, 42, 45, and 78.

Inasmuch as this organization has long since been  
defunct and the information contained in the book appears to be  
of little substantive value, no dissemination of excerpts from  
the book is being made to the case file. A copy of this letter  
is being directed to the case file in the New York Office for the  
purpose of recording the references to the organization in the  
book and Miss BENTLEY'S association with it.

A copy of "Cut of Bondage" is maintained in the New  
York Office Library should detailed review of the references  
become desirable in the future.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

- Mr. Lamphere

TO : Mr. Belmont

DATE: September 2,  
1954

FROM : W. A. Rantanen

SUBJECT: NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, et al  
ESPIONAGE - RALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

Mr. C. Edward NicholSEN called today.

He referred to the Department's request to be furnished with the current addresses of some seventy subjects in the Silvermaster case whom the Department is contemplating summoning before grand juries. NicholSEN inquired to know if it would be possible for the Bureau to telephonically furnish him the addresses of the key Silvermaster subjects as they are received from the field. NicholSEN pointed out that when data such as this is transmitted to the Department by letter, because of delay in the Department, it usually takes a day to process the letter and thus results in a delay in getting the information to the attorneys who are interested. NicholSEN stated that the Department is presently getting out subpoenas for the key Silvermaster subjects and they are desirous of proceeding with the greatest speed possible.

You will recall that we have previously furnished addresses of subjects to the Department in this case telephonically at their request. There would appear to be no objection to furnishing this information to NicholSEN particularly since we will confirm whatever is furnished by subsequent communication.

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We are proceeding in line with the above.

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SAC, NEW YORK

*del*  
NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, WAS., ET AL, ESPIONAGE-R.  
REBUTEL AUGUST TWENTYEIGHT FIFTYFOUR. VERIFY ADDRESSES AND  
EMPLOYMENT AND BUREAU BY CLOSE OF BUSINESS SEPTEMBER ONE AND  
FOLLOWING: HENRY WILL COLLINS, JOHN ART, ROBERT T. MILLER,  
HELEN TENNEY, FREDERICK PALMER WEBER, EDWIN S. SMITH,  
HERBERT S. SCHIMMEL, ALFRED VAN TASSEL, EDVING TAJANG,  
JACK SARGENT HARRIS, LEONARD E. MINS, MILTON WOLFF,  
GEORGE S. WUCHINICH, DAVID RABLODOWSKY, PHILIP O. KEENEY,  
MORRIS M. COHEN, MILDRED PRICE COY, LEWIS SASS, J. JULIUS  
JOSEPH, CEDRIC M. BELFRAGE, ELIZABETH SASULY, BERNICE LEVIN,  
ROBERT COE, DUNCAN CHAPLIN LEE, LEO M. DROZDOFF, JUST LUNNING.

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Director, FBI (134-435)

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SAC, New York (65-14603)

ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY  
ESPIONAGE - R

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Rebuar-tel 10/26/53 in case entitled, "HARRY DEXTER  
WHITE; ESPIONAGE - R," and New York teletype captioned as above  
1/10/53.

Rebuar-tel instructed that ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY'S  
book, "Out of Bondage," be reviewed to insure there was no other  
information in the book which expanded upon or differed with  
data she had furnished the Bureau, and that all pertinent data  
in the book be channelized to the appropriate case files.

In carrying out the Bureau's instructions in this  
matter, information appearing in the book concerning various  
individuals mentioned was compared with information furnished by  
Miss BENTLEY in her signed statement dated 11/30/45.

If it was found that no substantial variations existed  
between material in the book and the statement, a letter reflecting  
page references in the book on the individual subject was directed  
to the New York and Bureau files on the individual and on  
ELIZABETH BENTLEY. If other offices were found to be origin in  
these cases, copies were sent, of course, to the offices of  
origin. These letters reflected that a comparison of the informa-  
tion in the book and her statement failed to reflect any material  
variation.

In those instances where the comparison of information  
reflected a variance or an enlargement of information in the  
signed statement, clippings of those portions of the book con-  
taining the information in question were forwarded to the individual  
case files. The agents handling these individual cases were  
instructed to compare the material in the book with the total  
information furnished by Miss BENTLEY concerning the particular  
subjects. If differences were found, then leads were to be set  
out to have Miss BENTLEY appropriately interviewed to clarify the  
information. As the Bureau has undoubtedly observed, she has in  
some instances stated that she portrayed certain situations in  
the book in a manner somewhat at variance with the events as they  
occurred in order to add reader appeal and human interest. It is  
believed that for the most part, Miss BENTLEY'S explanations concern  
differences appearing in the material in the book have been satis-  
factory.

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Letter to Director  
NY 65-14603

In each instance in which clippings were forwarded to case files as outlined above, copies of such clippings were retained and have been assembled in alphabetical order under the names of the individual subjects as carried in the title of their case file. One set of these clippings is being forwarded herewith and a second set is being retained by the New York Office in the file entitled, "NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, was; ET AL; ESPIONAGE - R." It is to be pointed out that these clippings do not in every instance contain all references in the book pertaining to the individual mentioned, but only those which appear to be at variance or enlarge upon Miss BENTLEY'S signed statement. Memoranda which forwarded the clippings to the case files in the New York Office contained a complete listing of the references in the book on the individual.

In some few instances wherein the references were extremely numerous (such as on EARL BROWDER), clippings were not made. In those instances, memoranda were directed to the case files listing the references with the instruction that they be reviewed and compared with information previously furnished by BENTLEY on the subject, and that leads for clarification be set out if found necessary.

Also, in several other instances in which there were numerous references concerning an individual now deceased or departed from the United States (such as JACOB GOLOS and ANATOLE GROMAV), and perusal of the references failed to reflect any outstanding variations, letters were forwarded to the Bureau in instant case and individual case files containing the page references in the book. In those instances detailed analysis of the information did not appear justified at the present time. However, the letter called attention to the fact that a copy of "Out of Bondage" is available in the New York Office Library should a review of the references be necessary.

A similar procedure was followed with regard to certain organizations mentioned in the book which are now defunct or the material included was collateral to BENTLEY'S knowledge of various individuals (for example, the American League Against War and Fascism or the Institute of Pacific Relations). Copies of a letter were directed to the case files in the event it should become desirable to review this information in the future or to question BENTLEY concerning individuals with whom she may have come in contact in those organizations.

Letter to Director  
NY 65-14603

During the review of the book, it became apparent that Miss BENTLEY had used fictitious names for several individuals mentioned therein. Leads were set out to interview Miss BENTLEY to obtain the correct name. In one or two instances she stated she had used fictitious designations because she was unable to recall the correct name. In several instances, however, she furnished the correct name and appropriate channelization of this information has been made to case files.

In reviewing the book it was found necessary to prepare an index of "Out of Bondage," copies of which have been made available to the Bureau, New York, New Orleans, and Washington Field.

An index of the report containing BENTLEY'S signed statement was also prepared and forwarded as amended pages to the report to the Bureau and to offices having copies of this report.

Inasmuch as there appears to be no further action necessary in this matter, this case is being closed.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI (65-56402)

DATE: 9/3/54

FROM : SAC, New York (65-14603)

SUBJECT: NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, was  
ET AL  
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ReButel 9/1/54.

In accordance with Bureau instructions in [redacted] there  
is being forwarded herewith copies of three photographs of  
JESSICA SMITH, was, and three photographs of BEATRICE [redacted] MAN. [redacted]

Encls. (4) MRS. John [redacted]

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memo a.g. Tompkins  
9-15-54  
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and Smith (1 of each)  
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JESSICA SMITH  
(Photo taken '55)



Beatrice Helman  
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JESSICA SMITH  
(Photo taken '55)



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Assistant Attorney General

William F. Tompkins

Director, FBI

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September 15, 1954

NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, with aliases, et al  
ESPIONAGE - R

Reference is made to your memorandum of August 27, 1954, your reference WFT:LEB:MCF, 146-7-16-82, and to my memoranda of September 1, 3 and 8, 1954.

In my memorandum of September 3, 1954, I pointed out that Duncan Chaplin Lee is employed by the American International Underwriters Overseas, 102 Maiden Lane, New York City. It has now been determined that Lee is residing in care of Harry Harfield, 550 East 87th Street, New York City.

This is to confirm the delivery to Mr. Joseph Lowther of your Division, on September 8, 1954, of a Photostat of the passport application of William Greinke, dated August 26, 1935. Photographs of William Greinke and Simon M. Simonov also were made available to Mr. Lowther pursuant to his request.

I am enclosing herewith one photograph of Jessica Smith and one photograph of Beatrice Reiman, which photographs are being submitted to you pursuant to the request of Mr. Edward Nicholson.

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REBUTEL AUGUST THIRTY LAST. VERIFY ADDRESSES AND EMPLOYMENT  
AND SUTEL RE FOLLOWING: NEW YORK, NATHAN WITT. SEATTLE,  
DONALD NIVEN WHEELER. WFO, NATHANIEL WEYL. NY SUBMIT TWO  
COPIES OF AVAILABLE PHOTOGRAPHS OF JESSICA SMITH AND BEATRICE  
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9/1/54

SAC, New York (65-14603)

ELIZABETH T. BENTLEY  
ESPIONAGE - R

INSTITUTE OF PACIFIC RELATIONS  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C

Rebunair-tel 10/26/53 in case entitled, "HARRY DEXTER  
WHITE; ESPIONAGE - R."

Rebunair-tel instructed that ELIZABETH BENTLEY's book,  
"Out of Bondage," be reviewed to insure that there is no other  
information in the book which expands or differs with data she has  
furnished the Bureau, and that all pertinent data in the book  
be channelized to the appropriate case file. (u)

References pertinent to the INSTITUTE OF PACIFIC  
RELATIONS are contained in "Out of Bondage" on pages 182, 193-  
195, 203, 212, and 258.

Inasmuch as these references contained little informa-  
tion of substantive value concerning the INSTITUTE OF PACIFIC  
RELATIONS, but rather collateral to information concerning  
various individuals with whom BENTLEY was in contact, no  
dissemination of clippings from the book is being made to the  
INSTITUTE OF PACIFIC RELATIONS case file. Copies of this letter  
are being directed to the INSTITUTE OF PACIFIC RELATIONS case  
file to direct attention to references concerning the organization  
contained in the book.

A copy of "Out of Bondage" is maintained in the New  
York Office Library where the references may be examined in detail  
should this become desirable in the future.

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SAC, NEW YORK

NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, WAS. ET AL. - R  
RE NY TEL SEPTEMBER ONE LAST IN WHICH YOU SET FORTH THAT  
CHARLES COE RESIDES SEVEN SIX NINE ARDYLE ROAD, BROOKLYN,  
NEW YORK. IN YOUR TELETYPE OF AUGUST THIRTY LAST RE  
V. FRANK COE YOU INDICATED BOTH CHARLES AND V. FRANK COE  
WERE TRAVELING IN THE WESTERN PART OF THE UNITED STATES.  
ADVISE WHETHER THESE INDIVIDUALS HAVE RETURNED NYC. ALSO  
FURNISH VERIFIED ADDRESS AND EMPLOYMENT VICTOR PERLO.

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Mr. Tolson	_____
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Mr. Harbo	_____
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Miss Gandy	_____

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NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, WA. ET AL. ESPIONAGE DASH R. RE NEWARK  
TEL DATED SEPTEMBER ONE FIFTYFOUR. MRS. LOUISE STOCKTON, SECRETARY,  
PRESIDENT-S OFFICE, UNIVERSITY OF DELAWARE, NEWARK, DELAWARE, ADVISES  
ANATOLE B. VOLKOV CURRENTLY EMPLOYED AT THE UNIVERSITY AS A POST  
DOCTORAL FELLOW, PHYSICS DEPARTMENT, ARTS AND SCIENCE SCHOOL. APPOINT-  
MENT TO RUN TO AUGUST THIRTYONE FIFTYFIVE. POSTMASTER, F. ALLYN  
COOCH, JR., U.S. POST OFFICE, NEWARK, DELAWARE, ADVISES VOLKOV  
CURRENTLY RESIDING AT KELLS APARTMENTS, THREE ONE EIGHT SOUTH COLLEGE  
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NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, WAS., ETAL, ESP - R.

AUG. THIRTYONE LAST. SOLOMON A. LISCHINSKY CURRENTLY

RESIDING RFD TWO, STERLING, VA., AND IS SELF EMPLOYED AS

FARMER.

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*Mr. Belmont*

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NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, WAS., ET AL, ESPIONAGE, DASH R. REBUTEL  
THIS DATE. THE SEATTLE OFFICE HAS NOT RECEIVED REBUTEL AUGUST THIRTY-  
LAST. MARY BROWN, POSTMASTER, SEQUIM, WASHINGTON, ADVISES THIS DATE  
THAT DONALD NIVEN WHEELER, SEATTLE SI SUBJECT, CONTINUES TO RESIDE  
AND SELF EMPLOYED AT FAR PASTURES FARM NEAR SEQUIM, WASHINGTON.  
RECEIVES MAIL AT R

O. BOX ONE ZERO TWO, SEQUIM, WASH. U.S. MARSHAL SERVICE

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TU DISCO Mr. Belmont

*Memo to Mr. Tolson  
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FBI, LOS ANGELES 8-29-54 8-17 PM JLB  
DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, PORTLAND. - U R G E N T -  
NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, WAS., ET AL, ESPIONAGE - R. RETEL  
OF PORTLAND AUGUST TWENTY EIGHT LAST. MRS. LILLIAN J. HAWKINS,  
APT. ONE, AT ONE EIGHT FOUR ONE N. NORMANDIE, LA ADVISES CHARLES  
KRAMER, HIS WIFE AND TWO DAUGHTERS ESTABLISHED RESIDENCE WITH MAX  
BALE, BELIEVED TO BE MRS. KRAMER-S BROTHER, IN APT. TWO, AT ONE EIGHT  
FOUR ONE N. NORMANDIE, LA, APPROXIMATELY EIGHT WEEKS AGO. MRS  
HAWKINS STATES THIS RESIDENCE IS INTERMITTENT AND THAT THE BALES  
AND CONSEQUENTLY THE KRAMERS ARE TO MOVE ON OR ABOUT SEPTEMBER ONE-  
NEXT. KRAMER IS REPORTED NOT TO BE EMPLOYED IN LA. LA WILL FOLLOW  
AND SUTEL ANY NEW RESIDENCE.

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**Mr. Belmont**

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Mr. Tolson  
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DIRECTOR AND SAC NEW YORK

RE: GREGORY STEVENSON

RE: J. EDWARD CONY

RE: TWO LETTER FIFTY FOUR LAST

RE: TWENTY EIGHT NINETEEN FIFTY FOUR

RE: CURRENT ADDRESS OF J. FRANK COE

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Mr. Belmont

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NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, WITH ALIASES, ET AL, ESPIONAGE-R.  
REBUTEL TO PD AND CG THIS DATE. FOR INFO LA, DEPARTMENT  
IMPANELLING GRAND JURIES TO HEAR WITNESSES IN CASE IN CAMDEN,  
NEW JERSEY, STARTING SEPTEMBER ONE, AND DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA  
STARTING ON ABOUT SEPTEMBER SEVEN. BUREAU INSTRUCTS SUTEL BUREAU BY  
TWELVE NOON MONDAY, EDT UNDER THIS CAPTION, CURRENT VERIFIED ADDRESSES  
AND EMPLOYMENT CHARLES KRAMER, ROUT THREE, BOX SIX SIX FOUR,  
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FORTY-THREE. NORMAN BURSLER RESIDING QUADRANGLE CLUB, ONE ONE

FIVE FIVE EAST FIFTY-SEVENTH ST., CG., AND CONTINUES

EMPLOYMENT UNIVERSITY OF CG AS ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR. PRESENTLY ON

LEASE, TO TERMINATE SEPTEMBER SEVEN FIFTYFOUR. BURSLE EN ROUTE

DENVER TO CG THIS DATE, REPORTEDLY TO LEAVE CG THIS DATE FOR

UNDETERMINED ADDRESS ON EAST COAST, PROBABLY NYC, TO RETURN CG SEPT.

SEVEN INSTANT. CG WILL ATTEMPT TO ASCERTAIN BURSLE-S EAST COAST ADDRESS  
WILL ADVISE.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT *AB*DATE: September 5,  
1954FROM : MR. M. J. ROZAMUS *MJR*SUBJECT: NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER  
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At 6:30 P.M., September 4, 1954, Special Agent Hugh B. McGahey, Washington Field, telephonically stated that efforts to locate Frank Coe in the Silvermaster case have disclosed that his children have returned to their home in Washington, D. C. However, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Coe have not been seen. Reliable sources in the Coe's neighborhood have been contacted to advise Washington Field Office should Mr. or Mrs. Coe be seen at their home.

RECOMMENDATION:

This memorandum be forwarded to Espionage Section for information.

cc - Mr. Welte

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (65-56402)

DATE: September 7, 1954

FROM : SAC, WFO (100-17493)

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SUBJECT:

NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, was., et al.,  
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Re WFO teletype dated September 7, 1954, which requested the Los Angeles Office to attempt to determine if V. FRANK ~~GOE~~ was residing or visiting with his mother at 4200 South San Pedro, Los Angeles.

There is enclosed for the Los Angeles Office one photograph of GOE which contains a complete description on the reverse side.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : L. V. Boardman

DATE: September 8, 1954

FROM : A. H. Belmont

SUBJECT: NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, was., et al  
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In connection with the attached "Washington News" story of 9/8/54, entitled "Grand Jury Here is Hunting for Spies," the Director inquired as to what it is all about.

With the passage of Senate Bill 16, the Immunity Bill, the Department's Internal Security Division on 8/12/54 immediately began to consider the Nathan Gregory Silvermaster case and grand juries were impanelled in Camden, New Jersey, starting 8/25/54, and in Washington, D. C., starting 9/7/54. The Department is following a policy of subpoenaing various persons involved in networks in the Silvermaster case and, after hearing all the testimony, then will make a decision as to which witnesses should be granted immunity in order to compel their testimony. In this way the Department hopes to get one or more witnesses who could corroborate the testimony of Elizabeth Bentley and enable a prosecution in this case. The grand juries are being handled under Departmental Attorney L. E. Broome, who is assisted by Attorneys Joseph Lowther and Edward Nicholsen.

**ACTION:** The foregoing is for your information and it would appear that the Washington newspapers were not too long in getting wind that the grand jury here in the District was sitting and from now on there probably will be a close check on the various witnesses who are subpoenaed to testify.

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## Justice Launches Secret Probe

# Grand Jury Here Is Hunting for Spies

The Justice Department appeared today to be engaged in a sweeping new grand jury investigation of espionage activities in the United States.

Altho the Department refused any comment, it was learned that four top Government lawyers, each an expert on subversive activities, have been assigned to present evidence and question witnesses before a Federal grand jury here.

There were indications that the department, armed with several anti-subversive laws enacted by the last Congress, is seeking indictments against persons on whom it has had evidence for some time.

### FIRST SESSION

The department's activities came to light in court records authorizing its attorneys to look into possible violations of virtually all Federal laws dealing with subversion. It was learned that the lawyers appeared before the grand jury in secret for the first time yesterday.

Court records showed the possible violations cited by the department involved persons who turn over defense information to unauthorized persons or foreign governments; photograph defense installations and publish or sell the photos; make false statements to the Government or before a congressional committee or court, and incite members of the armed forces to mutiny or disloyalty.

Alleged violations of these and other anti-subversive laws were attributed to persons or firms "unknown" to the Government. This means the department does not want to reveal their names at this time.

### CASES IN MIND

Attorney General Herbert Brownell Jr. has stated in the past that the department had several espionage and other subversive cases in mind for prosecution if Congress would arm the department with new laws.

Congress did enact a string of new anti-subversive measures including one designed to force balking witnesses to testify by granting them immunity from prosecution if the Fifth Amendment is waived.

But it did not give Mr. Brownell authority to use wire-tap evidence in national security cases. He had sought this authority as a primary weapon for cracking down on suspected spies.

### INTERNAL SECURITY UNIT

The four attorneys are from the Justice Department's new internal security division. One of them, Joseph Lowther, successfully prosecuted Ben Gold, president of the left-wing Fur Workers Union, on charges he lied when he said in a National Labor Relations Board affidavit that he had no Communist Party connections.

The grand jury hearing testimony is one that has been in session since early August.

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INFORMATION NEW HAVEN, BUREAU HAS REQUESTED VERIFICATION OF ADDRESS  
AND EMPLOYMENT OF MILDRED PRICE COY, SUBJECT NEW HAVEN FILE  
ONE HUNDRED DASH ONE FOUR ONE SEVEN ONE. NEW HAVEN WILL VERIFY RESIDENCE  
AND SUTEL RESULTS UNDER INSTANT CAPTION BY CLOSE OF BUSINESS SEPTEMBER  
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ONE LAST. MR. THOMAS P. HORAN, POSTMASTER, U. S. POST OFFICE,

SOUTH NORWALK, CONN., ADVISED MILDRED PRICE COY RETURNED TO FIVE

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NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, WAS., ET AL, ESPIONAGE - R.  
RE WFO TEL SEPTEMBER THIRTEEN LAST. BUREAU AUTHORITY GRANTED  
TO INTERVIEW [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] FOR INFORMATION REGARDING PRESENT WHEREABOUTS OF *b7c*  
V. FRANK COE. OTHER LOGICAL SOURCES AND INFORMANTS ALSO *b7D*  
SHOULD BE CONTACTED FOR INFORMATION RE PRESENT WHEREABOUTS  
OF COE. ADVISE BUREAU AND WFO PROMPTLY OF RESULTS.

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CLEVELAND, RE TEL ADVISED DEPARTMENT IS IMPANELLING GRAND JURY TO  
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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (100-365557) FROM NEW YORK (100-100000) 9/15/58

DIRECTOR, FBI (100-365557)

RE: MATTHEW CHARLES KATZ, AKA; ALVIN KARPIS; EDWARD BREMER; EDWARD BREMER

RE: MATTHEW CHARLES KATZ, AKA; ALVIN KARPIS; EDWARD BREMER; EDWARD BREMER

IS 1518 KINGS PLAZA, N.Y.C. (SEE PREVIOUS AIRTEL DATED 9/15/58)

OF GEORGE BENAZICH 11 1207 OLIVER ST. N.Y.C.

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Assistant Attorney General  
William F. Tompkins

September 1, 1954

Director, FBI

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Reference is made to your memorandum of August 27, 1954, your reference NY 100-10-22, in which you requested the addresses of seventy persons.

The following information relates to the addresses of the seven individuals listed by you on when you requested an early reply:

Mary Price presently is reported to be residing at Apartment C-34, 234 Sullivan Street, New York City. She was recently reported as being unemployed and efforts are being made to ascertain if she has obtained new employment.

Harold Glasser is currently residing at 8 Sheffield Road, Great Neck, Long Island, New York. He is employed by the Liberty Brush Company, 730 East 147th Street, Bronx, New York.

Charles Kramer was residing at Route 3, Box 884, Grasham, Oregon. On June 19, 1954, he reportedly was living in care of Max Dale at 1841 North Hermandy Street, Los Angeles, California. Reportedly, Charles Kramer and his family are to move from this address on or about September 1, 1954.

William Henry Taylor is currently residing at 2120 - 51st Place, N. W., Washington, D. C., and he continues to be employed as Assistant Director of the Middle-Eastern Department, International Monetary Fund, 1818 N Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.

Virginus Frank Gee was residing with his brother, Charles Gee, at 30 Charlton Street, New York City, but on July 31, 1954, he gave a forwarding address as care of Attorney Milton Friedman, 522 Fifth Avenue, New York City. Charles Gee operates a business, Farm Research, Inc., at 30 Courtland Street, New York City, and Frank Gee reportedly has been working for his brother. On August 6, 1954, both Charles and Frank Gee departed on a vacation which was to take them to Denver, Colorado.

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and other points in the West. They reportedly are to return to New York City in a week or ten days. Any further information received relative to the current address of Frank Cox will be made available to you.

Irving Kaplan has been residing in care of Isidore Gibby Needleman, Apartment 22, 43 West 88th Street, New York City. Kaplan has been spending considerable time at Needleman's summer residence on Rampasture Road, Hampton Bays, New York, and also has been residing part-time with Philip Field, Bay Avenue, Hampton Bays, New York. Kaplan is not known to be employed but utilizes Needleman's business office on occasions at Room 2800, 165 Broadway, New York City.

The information on the foregoing individuals was made available orally to Mr. Edward Nicholson of your Division on August 30, 1954, by Mr. William A. Branigan.

Norman Bursler is presently reported to be residing at the Quadrangle Club, 1155 East 57th Street, Chicago, Illinois, and continues to be employed at the University of Chicago as an associate professor. He is reported to be presently on leave and on August 30, 1954, reportedly was en route from Denver to Chicago and would then travel to an address on the East Coast, probably in New York City, and would then return to Chicago on September 7, 1954. Any further information concerning his current address will be furnished to you if received.

The information set forth above, concerning Bursler, was made available orally to Mr. Edward Nicholson by Mr. Robert J. Lanphere on August 30, 1954.

The following persons are not available in the United States, on the basis of available information:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Whereabouts</u>
Salomon Adler	England
Michael Greshberg	Not known; last known to be in France
Joseph Gregg	Canada
Rose Gregg	Canada
Bernard Radmont	France
Dr. Philip Rosenbliett	Russia



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Vladimir Karakovich  
Ralph Spitzer  
Peter G. Rhodes  
Maurice Halperin  
George Shan Wheeler  
Louis Adamie - Deceased

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In your memorandum you listed the names of Jean Kaplan, Joseph Kaplan and Herman Landau. Inasmuch as persons of these names are not known to be involved in the networks in this case, we do not know, without further identifying information, to whom you refer. Accordingly, you are requested to provide us further identifying data on these persons.

With respect to the name Nathan Perle, listed by you, it is believed you are referring to Victor Perle, whose current address is being verified. Whittaker Chambers, in originally providing data on Victor Perle, gave his name as Nathan Perle but later identified this individual as Victor Perle.

The name Vincent Reno, listed by you, is an alias of Franklin Victor Reno who is felt to be the individual to whom you are referring. Franklin Victor Reno, as you know, is incarcerated in the Federal Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas.

Mr. Edward Nicholson requested that available photographs of Elizabeth Bentley be made available. Three different photographs of Bentley were delivered to Mr. Nicholson on August 30, 1954, by Mr. Robert J. Lamphere.

Mr. Nicholson also requested photographs of Jessica Smith and Beatrice Heiman. We do not have available photographs of these persons but will attempt to obtain these photographs from our New York office and thereafter they will be made available to you.

The addresses of the other individuals listed by you are being ascertained and you will be provided with the information.

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SONIA STEINMAN GOLD, WAS ESPIONAGE-R. REURTEL NINE THREE FIVE.

WILLIAM SAGE ZEMAN RECONTACTED, STATED NO OBJECTION TO USE OF HIS

NAME BEFORE GOLD OR GRAND JURY AND WOULD TESTIFY IN EVENT OF TRIAL.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

DATE: August 12, 1954

FROM : MR. C. E. BRANIGAN

SUBJECT:

NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, et al  
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On the evening of August 12, 1954, together with Mr. Branigan, I conferred with Mr. Thomas K. Hall of the Department at his request. Mr. Hall stated that in view of the passage by the Congress of the Immunities Bill, the Department anticipates that the President will sign the Bill momentarily and that it will become law. Hall stated that he has been instructed to review the Harry Dexter White case and the Silvermaster case, and possibly others, with a view to instituting action, if possible, as a result of the passing of the Immunities Act. He stated that he has quite a group of men working on the White and Silvermaster cases and that the Department considers time to be of the essence in initiating action. The Department Attorneys will review the files to see who would be the most likely persons to call before a Grand Jury; who would be most likely to wilt under interrogation. He said that the Department would probably then want to interview these people and evaluate whether or not they are persons who should be considered to be called before a Grand Jury to obtain their testimony under the Immunities Act.

Hall stated that under the act, it was contemplated that the U. S. Attorney, with the approval of the Attorney General, would petition a U. S. District Judge to envoke the act against a particular witness, which would thus give the witness immunity and he would be required to testify. If he refused, he would be in contempt of court. If he testified falsely, providing the elements of perjury were present, he could then be prosecuted for perjury.

Hall stated that the Department wanted to set up liaison with the Bureau in order that the Bureau would be able to assist the Department. He said they would want someone familiar with the facts of the cases for checking different facts and assisting the Department in connection with questions which might arise. Hall said there were no particular questions at this time. He said that someone had mentioned that Silvermaster might be a good prospect to consider as a potential witness, but that the Department would

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**MEMO HENNRICH TO BELMONT**  
**RE: NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, et al.**

no longer,  
want to study this before they made any definite determination.  
(This is Abraham George Silverman, who should have information concerning the Silvermaster ring and who is presently suffering from a heart condition. We have in the past interviewed Silverman with unsatisfactory results. We have considered from time to time ways and means of getting him to talk and the Department, of course, is aware of this.)

**ACTION:**

I informed Mr. Hall that the Bureau, of course, considers file reviews and the selection of witnesses and persons to be brought before a Grand Jury is the job for the Department to do. Mr. Hall agreed. I told him that the Bureau, of course, was interested in any action which the Department decided to take, and that we would want to be kept advised of what the Department was doing and Mr. Hall assured me that this would be done. I then informed Mr. Hall that if he wanted to take any matters up with the Bureau, he should call me, and in my absence, Mr. Branigan. Mr. Hall stated that he had no particular questions; that he wanted the Bureau to know what the Department was doing; and that if any questions came up in the future, he would contact me.

cc - Mr. Tully

# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : L. F. Boardman *2b*

FROM : A. R. Belmont *Q*

SUBJECT: NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, was., et al

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DATE: August 20, 1954

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The Internal Security Division of the Department has been considering what action can be taken against the Silvermaster subjects utilizing the new Immunity Bill. Yesterday they advised that from their consideration of the material developed by the Bureau they had determined certain subjects offer better possibilities than others.

At approximately 5:00 P.M. tonight Tom Hall called and stated that it had been decided an effort would be made to invoke the Immunity Bill for the subject Lee Pressman. Hall stated a decision had been made to move on this matter early Monday morning (August 23, 1954). He stated that the matter would be presented to the grand jury seated at Camden, New Jersey; that a subpoena would be authorized by the United States Attorney there and forwarded to the United States Marshal covering the location of Pressman. Hall added that this was the contemplated action unless the Bureau desired to serve the subpoena. No answer was made to this comment. Hall requested that the Bureau furnish him current address for Lee Pressman.

After checking with the New York office, Hall was advised that Pressman's residence is 26 Forster Avenue, Mt. Vernon, New York, and his business address is 225 Broadway, New York City. Hall was also advised that at the present time Pressman is on vacation and his exact whereabouts and when he would return to the city are not known. He was advised that we are continuing to develop this information without, of course, disclosing an official interest.

On receipt of this information, Hall stated in the absence of Pressman, Edward Fitzgerald, a subject in the Perlo case, had been designated as the alternate. Hall requested to be advised as to the present location of Fitzgerald.

Hall was subsequently advised that through a pretext telephone call it was determined that Lee Pressman would be back at his office on Monday morning. Hall was also advised that

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Edward Fitzgerald resides at 535 West 11th Street, New York City and as of April, 1954, he was employed by the Lincoln Letter Service 14 Grand Street, New York City.

Insofar as the Silvermaster case is concerned, Lee Pressman has always been considered one of the fringe subjects. He was identified by Whitaker Chambers as a member of the original Harold Ware Communist underground group in Washington during the 1930's. He has been identified as an associate of Harry Dexter White, Nathan Gregory Silvermaster, [REDACTED] b1 (S) (X) He testified before the House Committee on Un-American Activities during August, 1950, and admitted his Communist Party membership in the Ware group during 1934 - 1935. (S)

Edward Fitzgerald was an attendant at the original meeting at John Abt's apartment in 1944 when Bentley was introduced to representatives of the Perlo group. Fitzgerald, according to Bentley, furnished information on four or five occasions concerning production figures which he obtained from his employment with the War Production Board. It would appear that Fitzgerald could testify concerning Perlo, Charles Kramer, Harry Mangdoeff and John Abt. Our investigation disclosed he was acquainted with, among others, Abraham Silverman and Harry Dexter White.

**ACTION:**

We are following this matter. We are not serving the subpoena as there appears to be no problem at this time showing difficulty of locating the subjects.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. [unclear]

DATE: August 23, 1954

FROM : W. A. Branigan

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You will recall that during the afternoon of August 20, 1954, Mr. Thomas Hall, advised that the Department had decided to endeavor to invoke the new Immunity Bill against Lee Pressman. Hall indicated that in the event Pressman was not available, the Department would proceed against Edward Joseph Fitzgerald. Hall requested that the Bureau furnish the current address of Pressman and Fitzgerald. I checked with Supervisor McAndrews of the New York office in the absence of ASAC Marchessault on the afternoon of August 20, 1954, and was advised that Fitzgerald's address was 535 West 11th Street, New York City. A teletype was subsequently received from New York office which also contained this address. These data were telephonically given to Hall on the afternoon of the 20th.

Following the receipt of the teletype, the main file of Fitzgerald was called and a review reflected that the last known residence of Fitzgerald was 335 West 11th Street. I recontacted Supervisor McAndrews this morning pointing out this fact and requesting to know if the address 535 West 11th Street as was previously furnished was the correct one. I was subsequently advised that the information furnished on the 20th and confirmed by teletype was a typographical error and a recheck showed that the correct address was 335 West 11th Street, New York City. I gave this information to Mr. Hall.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. E. V. BOARDMAN *EB*

DATE: 8-24-54

FROM : MR. A. H. BELMONT *AB*cc Mr. Branigan *G. I. R. 9*SUBJECT: NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER,  
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On the afternoon of August 24, 1954, Assistant Attorney General Tompkins requested I come over and talk to him concerning the "White" case, which I did. He stated that the Attorney General and he are determined to break the Silvermaster case if it is possible to do so. He is going up to New Jersey where the Federal Grand Jury will meet at Camden tomorrow morning for the purpose of hearing individuals brought before it connected with the Silvermaster case. Tompkins said Camden was selected because of the Department's desire to have a sympathetic Judge in the event the new Immunity Statute was invoked. He said Judge Thomas Madden is such a Judge and that Tompkins has already talked to him. He said that if any witnesses are developed who will corroborate Elizabeth Bentley, then the question of venue will be decided and the case will be tried either in Washington, D. C. or New York.

He said that the Department is considering additional witnesses, such as Sonya Gold, George Silverman, William Ludwig Allman, and others and that a total of fifty (50) individuals may be brought before the Grand Jury. He said the witnesses will be put under oath and as the matter progresses, the Department will consider whether the Immunity Statute is applicable to any witness. He said the Department is not going to move hastily in granting immunity to any one. *b2 Rule 6*

Tompkins wanted to know whether I had any thoughts on persons to bring before the Grand Jury. I told him this was a matter for the Department to decide as the Department has all of the reports and background on the Silvermaster case. He said the Department might consider Earl Browder and, if so, Browder would be brought before the Grand Jury and asked questions under oath, but no commitment would be made as to immunity without careful study of his testimony. I told Tompkins that as far as Browder is concerned, this Bureau has been on record with the Department that if Browder is going to talk, he should sit down and furnish all facts in his possession to the Government and that no commitment would be satisfactory. I told him the question of whether Browder appears before the Grand Jury is again one for the Department to decide. *100-1027120X*

Tompkins wanted to know whether Joseph Katz (who was Bentley's superior) could be approached in Israel to come back to the United States and testify. I told him the Department had asked us this a few days ago.

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and we had replied that if the Department saw fit to do this, we would not object, but the Department should utilize State Department channels as channels are not available to us. Tompkins said he was going to give this serious thought and would talk to the Attorney General concerning it.

Tompkins wanted to know whether the Bureau would be interested knowing in advance in the event the Department is going to utilize the Immunity Act in connection with the Silvermaster subjects. I told him we are definitely interested in the Silvermaster case; that if any of the subjects decide to talk, the subjects should be interrogated completely by FBI Agents. I told him that therefore we would be interested in knowing if immunity is going to be granted to any of these subjects, but that we would not express an opinion to the Department as to whether immunity should be granted.

Tompkins said that Browder is scheduled to appear in the near future before the Jenner Committee, but he knows of no plan to utilize the Immunity Act by the Jenner Committee. Tompkins felt that Congressional committees are at a disadvantage in using the Immunity Act because the Department could retain control of the situation by claiming that the granting of immunity by a Congressional committee would interfere with a pending criminal investigation.

Tompkins asked that I furnish an opinion concerning <sup>a</sup>~~the~~ number of possible witnesses before the Grand Jury, but I gave no opinion, merely advising him that the Department had the information on which to base its decision. Tompkins said he would keep the Bureau advised of developments in Camden.

For your information.

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September 8, 1954

NATHAN GREGORY SILVERMASTER, with aliases, et al  
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Reference is made to your memorandum of August 27, 1954, your reference UTILEM:NOT, 100-7-10-22, and to my memoranda of September 1 and 2, 1954.

The following are additional addresses and employments of individuals concerning whom you requested information:

In my memorandum of September 1, 1954, I pointed out that Herman Bureler reportedly was to visit on the East Coast prior to returning to Chicago. It has been ascertained that Bureler has been visiting his sister, Mrs. Willard H. Keen, nee Edith Bureler, 4007 Market, Wilmington, Delaware, and is to return to Chicago in approximately two weeks.

Rae Elson is a housewife and resides at 252 North Cordova Street, Burbank, California.

Philip Reno has the address Post Office Box 1570, Taos, New Mexico, and is employed as a free-lance writer working out of his residence.

Paul Victor Martineau is presently residing in Plainfield, Vermont, and is employed as a librarian at Goddard College, Plainfield, Vermont.

David E. Fuhl resides at 1570 Belmar Avenue, East Cleveland, Ohio. He is employed at the S. Fuhl Plumbing and Heating Company, 17714 Miles Avenue, Cleveland.

Allan Robert Rosenberg resides at 44 Russell Road, East Newton, Massachusetts, and is a practicing attorney at 10 Tremont Street, Boston, Massachusetts. He reportedly has been on a camping trip on Cape Cod, Massachusetts, and is scheduled to return September 9, 1954.

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George Ryder is located at 150 Tappan, Brookline, Massachusetts. He operates the Practical Building Company which has an address of Post Office Box 63, Brookline, Massachusetts.

In my memorandum of September 3, 1954, I pointed out that Charles Coo and his brother, V. Frank Coo, had been on vacation. It has been determined that Charles Coo is back at his office, Farm Research, Inc. Efforts are still being made to determine the present whereabouts of V. Frank Coo.

Victor Perle resides at 47-37 190th Street, Flushing, New York. He is self-employed as an economics consultant and also teaches courses at the Jefferson School of Social Science in New York City.

In my memorandum of September 3, 1954, I pointed out that Elizabeth Sasuly reportedly was residing in New Milford, Connecticut, for the summer. It has been determined that she has been visiting at the residence of Clifford Carpenter, Long Mountain Road, New Milford, Connecticut, and it is not known exactly when she will return to New York City.

Supplemental to the information in my memorandum of September 3, 1954, Louis Sass, using the name Louis Roberts, presently resides at Orangeburgh Road, South, RFD No. 1, Westwood, New Jersey. He is employed by Isabel Scott Fabrice, 17 East 53rd Street, New York City.

With respect to Louis Sass, named above, [it is not known whether this individual is identical with the Louis Sass listed by you in your memorandum of August 27, 1954.] Reports concerning Louis Sass, also known as Louis Roberts, have been made available to your Records Administration Branch. In the event you are seeking the address of some other individual, you should furnish identifying data concerning him.

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Assistant Attorney General  
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Director, FBI

September 3, 1954

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Reference is made to your memorandum of August 27, 1954, your reference WTT:KES:MCF, 144-7-16-82, in which you requested the addresses of seventy persons, and to my memorandum of September 1, 1954.

The following names and addresses were orally furnished to Mr. Edward Nicholson of your Division on September 2, 1954, by Mr. Robert J. Lamphere, and this is to confirm the information furnished.

Charles Kramer was reportedly moving on September 1, 1954, from an address in care of Max Bale at 1841 North Normandie Street, Los Angeles, California, to 3938 La Mirada, Los Angeles. The foregoing information supplements the data furnished you in my memorandum of September 1, 1954.

Donald Niven Wheeler resides and is self-employed at Far Pastures Farm, near Sequim, Washington, and receives mail at Post Office Box 102, Sequim.

John J. Abt resides at 444 Central Park West, New York City, and is employed as a lawyer in the firm of Friedman and Singer, 11 Park Place, New York City. Abt was on vacation as of September 1, 1954, and was scheduled to return in about two weeks.

Robert Tolbert Miller resides at 3205 Hetherland Avenue, Bronx, New York, and was last reported as being unemployed.

Malcolm E. Tanager Sabidoff resides at Apartment 11-J, 240 West 11th Street, New York City. She is unemployed and is a part-time student at the Art Students League, 225 West 57th Street, New York City.

Malinda Alice Day reportedly resides at 57 South Main Road, South Norwalk, Connecticut. She is employed by Joyce and Sprague, 400 Madison Avenue, New York City.

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Julius Joseph Joseph resides at 108 West 17th Street, New York City, and is employed by the Agency Black & White Company, Empire State Building, 350 Fifth Avenue, New York City. It is reported that this employment soon will be terminated.

Salomon S. Lischinsky is currently residing at 172 B, Sterling, Virginia, where he is self-employed as a farmer.

Andole B. Volken is residing at Kelle Apartments, 318 South College Avenue, Newark, Delaware, and has been employed at the University of Delaware, Newark, in the Physical Department. His appointment is scheduled to end August 31, 1955.

Helen V. Silvermaster is residing on 87th Street, Harvey Cedars, New Jersey, where she is a housewife.

The following information relates to the addresses and employment of other individuals listed by you:

Joseph Gaer resides at 305-A San Vincente Boulevard, Santa Monica, California, and he is self-employed as a writer.

Margaret Bennett Porter resides at 515 Ridgewood Lane, Pasadena, California. She is a housewife.

Villard E. Park resides at 1618 Riggs Place, N. W., Washington, D. C., and works out of his residence.

George Perazich resides at 2207 Oliver Street, N. W., Washington, D. C., and reportedly is unemployed.

Henry Hill Collins, Jr., resides at 136 Park View Avenue, Bronxville, New York, and is employed as a free-lance writer working at his residence.

Frederick Palmer Weber resides at Apartment 32, 415 West 118th Street, New York City, and reportedly was staying until Labor Day at Robbins Reef, Fire Island, New York. He is employed as a partner in the Zack Company, 1267 Sixth Avenue, New York City.

Edwin S. Smith resides at 107 State Street, Brooklyn, New York. He is employed as manager of the Soufoto Agency, Room 45, 24 West 45th Street, New York City.

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Herbert S. Schimmel resides at 15 Horizon Lane, Levittown, New York, and works as a salesman out of his residence.

Alfred Van Rassel resides at 70 Overlook Road, Hastings-on-the-Hudson, New York. He is employed by Morris Associates, 45 West 57th Street, New York City.

Irving Fajans resides at Apartment 8-A, 41 West 23rd Street, New York City. He has a summer residence at 227 Cottage Walk, Ocean Beach, Fire Island, New York. He is employed at Soundview Studios, Room 202, 1800 Broadway, New York City.

Jack Sargent Harris resides at 5 Cherry Lane, Great Neck, New York. He is employed part-time by the Herrschaft Products Company, 1414 123rd Street, College Point, New York.

Leonard E. Hine resides at 215 East 57th Street, New York City. He is employed as a free-lance writer at his residence. He is reported to be presently on vacation and no information has been secured to date as to his present whereabouts.

Hilton Wolff resides during the week at 1066 Lexington Avenue, New York City, and stays over weekends and holidays at Linden Point Road, Stony Creek, Connecticut. He is employed as the National Commander of the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade, 23 West 26th Street, New York City. He recently has been acting as his own attorney at hearings of the Subversive Activities Control Board on the Veterans of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade in Washington, D. C. These hearings are scheduled to resume in New York City on September 13, 1954.

George S. Wachnick resides at 12 Clarkson Street, Malverne, New York. He is employed by the Hallett Engineering Company, 25 Vanderbilt Avenue, New York City.

David Eablenowski resides at 1116 Third Avenue, New York City. His present employment has not been ascertained.

Philip O. Keeney resides at 41 King Street, New York City. He is employed by the Club Cinema, 430 Sixth Avenue, New York City.

Morris F. Cohen, who resides at 1461 Ocean Parkway, Brooklyn, New York, reportedly is self-employed as a consultant working out of his residence.

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The present address of Louis Suss has not been ascertained inasmuch as he moved from Westwood, New Jersey, and has no forwarding address. He is employed by Eastern Book Fabrics, 17 East 33rd Street, New York City.

Georgie W. Belfrage resides in care of Allan Hoffman at 223 East Broadway, New York City. He is employed as editor of the "National Guardian," 17 Murray Street, New York City, and presently is under parole pending deportation action by the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Elizabeth Sausly resides at 331 East 76th Street, New York City, but sublet her apartment for the summer and she and her husband reportedly are residing in New Milford, Connecticut. Efforts are being made to obtain information concerning her current whereabouts.

Bernice Levin Colon resides at 2 Grace Court, Brooklyn, New York. Her present employment is not known.

Charles Coe, also known as Bob Coe, resides at 709 Argyle Road, Brooklyn, New York, and he is employed by Farm Research, Inc., 39 Cortlandt Street, New York City. Your attention is directed to the information set forth in my memorandum of September 1, 1954, which indicated that Charles and Frank Coe were on vacation in the western part of the United States. Any further information developed concerning the whereabouts of these two individuals will be furnished to you.

Duncan Chaplin Lee is employed by the American International Underwriters Overseas, 102 Maiden Lane, New York City. Efforts are being made to ascertain his present residence.

Leo M. Brendoff resides at 146-06 32nd Avenue, Flushing, New York, and he is employed as the owner of a candy store, 144-03 Northern Boulevard, Flushing, New York.

Just Lanning resides at 24 Graneray Park, New York City, and is employed by Georg Jensen, Inc., 667 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

Charles Flato has residence at Apartment 5-B, 311 East 35th Street, New York City, and he also spends time at the estate of Ruth V. Wilson, Weyfleet, Massachusetts. He is self-employed as a writer.

Philip Dunaway resides at 41 King Street, New York City. Efforts are being made to ascertain his present employment.

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Isador Miller, residing at 615 West 189th Street, New York City, is employed by the Grossman Laboratory and Gen Participations, Inc., both at 32 East 45th Street, New York City.

Nathan Witt resides at 100 West 77th Street, New York City. He is employed as a lawyer at the firm of Witt and Canner, 9 East 40th Street, New York City.

Nathaniel Veyl resides at 3434 Oakwood Terrace, N. W., Washington, D. C. He is self-employed as a free-lance writer and author.

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On August 27, 1954, Mr. Edward NicholSEN, a former Bureau Agent now an attorney with the Internal Security Division of the Department, called. Mr. NicholSEN advised that he will handle all those cases in the Department against espionage subjects where it is desired to invoke the new Immunity Bill.

During the conversation Nicholsen advised that he found the Attorney General's ruling concerning prosecution of Drew Pearson under the espionage statutes so personally objectionable that he contemplated resigning from the Department. In answer to my question Nicholsen stated that the Attorney General had not specifically ruled out prosecution of Pearson but he had decided that now was not the time to proceed. According to Nicholsen he interpreted this as a ruling against prosecution. He stated that his own personal feelings were that the espionage statutes should apply with equal force to Drew Pearson.

Nicholsen stated that because of his over-all knowledge of espionage cases he had been approached to handle considerations under the new Immunity Bill. Nicholsen stated he was going to handle this as a special.

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POST OFFICE, ADVISES ELIZABETH SASBY HAS BEEN VISITING AT CARPENTER'S  
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